

# Jail Ministry Began In 1957 With Freight Car Derailment

By Tim Nicholas

The Warren County Correctional Chaplaincy sorts got its start back in 1957 when 34 railroad freight cars derailed at Rolling Fork.

It became official when Roscoe Woodrick, who had been the engineer whose cars derailed, went to court last year to testify in behalf of a young offender.

The judge in the Warren County courtroom asked Woodrick how he happened to meet the man. Woodrick responded that he'd met him at the jail while serving as chaplain of the Warren County jail.

"Who made you chaplain of the Warren County Jail?" witnesses recall the judge asking.

"God did it," replied Roscoe.

The judge never told the clerk to strike that from the record, so apparently Roscoe Woodrick's appointment by God is official.

But even without officiality, it's nonetheless real. For just over a year, now Roscoe Woodrick, retired railroad engineer, has been volunteer chaplain at the county jail in Vicksburg. He and a dozen others make regular visits to the 80-100 inmates there, offering them spiritual guidance, and a listening ear.

Back in 1957, on December 22, Roscoe, also known as Little Smokey and Wild Willie, a third generation rail-

road man was pulling a hot shot freight — non-stop at top speed through Rolling Fork when 35 cars pulled one another down an embankment, piling up 50-75 feet high, according to Roscoe. "I got to thinking of my condition with the Lord," he said. "If the engine had fallen in, I wasn't prepared to meet God."

But it was the next June before he made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ at Calvary Baptist Church in Vicksburg.

He thought maybe God was calling him to preach and he enrolled in seminary extension courses, but later dropped out. "I started backsliding, got to drinking, gambling, doing everything that more or less is expected of a railroad man," he said.

## Completely Backslid

From 1964-76, for 12 years I was completely backslid," he said.

Then he said he became convicted of the way he was acting, went back to church and made a public confession and redemption. "I told the pastor I was ready to go to work. He gave me a Sunday School class to teach."

Roscoe shortly after became dissatisfied with railroad work and felt the Lord was still dealing with him. So he retired early at age 62 and tried to begin a senior adult program at the church.

"We had about six meetings. It fell

on its face," he recalled. "I went out on church visitation — seemed like I never could make the impression I needed to."

Still searching for his service outlet, a layman in the church, Bert Lerma, asked him to bring up the possibility of a jail ministry before the church Brotherhood. He went to the sheriff, worked out details for visitation and several volunteers began going on Sunday afternoons to the Warren County Jail.

## On Fire

"The first time I went was to satisfy him (Bert)," said Roscoe. "But I had the opportunity to lead a black man to salvation who was listening to me with a fire in his eyes. That's like putting gas on a fire — it'll set you on fire to lead someone to Jesus for salvation."

Roscoe became more and more active, visiting two and three times a week. "I had plenty of time," he said.

Searching for a handle for the ministry, the men contacted Good News Mission, a chaplaincy program operating out of Arlington, Va. Good News Mission provided Bible study course materials and tracts, helped set up a grading center in Vicksburg, and gave Roscoe some training in chaplaincy work.

Rock of Ages Tape Ministry out of Cleveland, Tenn. gave six players and 40 tapes and the Mississippi Baptist

Convention Board gave 100 New Testaments.

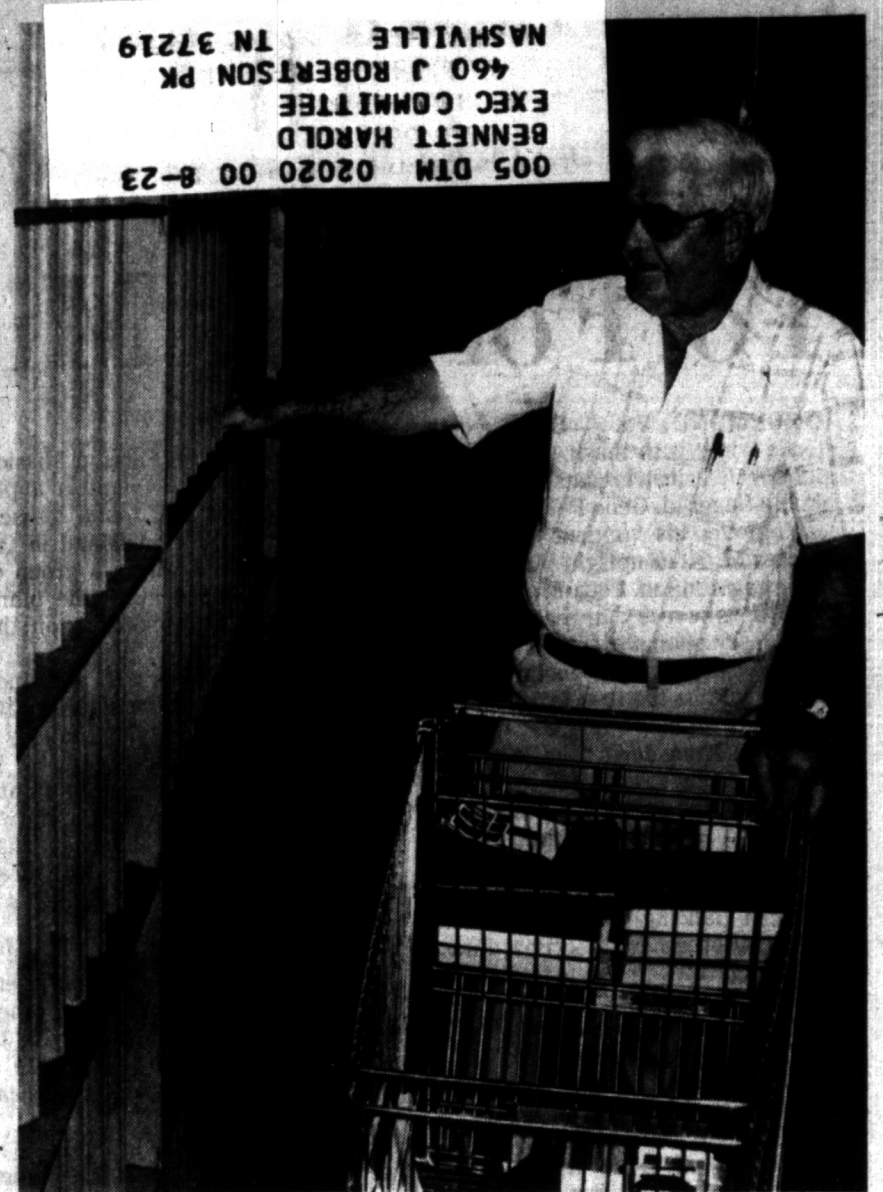
Now after the first year, about 3,000 lessons have been completed by several hundred inmates, and 175 inmates have made professions of faith in the presence of the volunteers.

Inmates began asking for Roscoe and Sheriff Paul Barrett and the jailers said they noticed that they had fewer problems with the inmates since the volunteer work began. Roscoe was even given a tiny office in the jail to operate out of.

Usually the Sunday afternoon visits are by about 12 men and women who stay with inmates two to three hours. The jail has one women's cell. Plus on a regular basis, volunteers visit nearby Kuhn Memorial Hospital in Vicksburg where about 30 state prison inmates stay. At least three of the men, including Roscoe, Jim Ferguson, chairman of the Warren County Good News Mission, and Darrell Shows another volunteer, visit Parchman prison once a month. They all say they see a great need for someone to work at Parchman fulltime "to preach and minister in the name of Jesus Christ," according to Ferguson, an engineer with the Waterway Experimental Station and a member of Calvary Church.

Though necessarily a non-denominational ministry, the work is

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Roscoe Woodrick pushes donated grocery cart with tracts, Bible study materials among the cells of the Warren County Jail.

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## Convention Board Okays \$11.2 Million 1980 Budget

A budget of \$11,247,000 will be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November for approval following its approval this week by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

If approved, the 1980 budget will be a 12.4 percent increase over the budget for 1979, which is \$10 million. At the time the budget was developed the 1979 missions gifts were 13.8 percent above the budget figure, it was pointed out in the budget presentation.

The budget includes an additional one-half of one percent going outside the state. The new percentage for the Southern Baptist Convention is 33 per-

cent compared with 32½ percent for this year. This would mean a total of \$3,712,077 going to nationwide and worldwide missions as compared with \$3.25 million in this year's budget.

## Additional Allocation

Next year, after the budget has been met, there is an additional allocation scheduled for Mississippi College to aid in its effort to obtain accreditation for its law school. The allocation will be the total that comes in above the \$11,247,000 up to a maximum of \$250,000.

In additional action the board took

note of the resignation of the chairman of the Central Hills Baptist Retreat Development Committee, appointed a new chairman, increased the ceiling for Central Hills development spending, and heard a report on a suit by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against Mississippi College in the dismissal of a professor.

In next year's budget, institutions and agencies (except for the Baptist Record, which is funded under Convention Board programs) are allocated 25.68 percent of the total. Board programs will get 30.89 percent of the total, and administration-promotion

will get 2.93 percent for a grand total for state causes of 59.50 percent. SBC causes and the Mission Service Corps will get 33.04 percent, and 7.46 percent is scheduled for capital needs in Mississippi.

Those percentages transpose to \$2,887,996 for institutions and agencies, \$3,473,838 for board programs, and \$329,089 for administration-promotion for an in-state operational budget of \$6,690,923. The SBC total, including the Mission Service Corps, will be \$3,717,077; and capital needs for Mississippi work will be \$838,000.

After these totals are met will come Mississippi College's Law School allocation of up to \$250,000.

## Largest Percentage

The largest single percentage, except for the SBC portion, will go to Christian education. Its 19.56 percent of the budget will amount to \$2,200,000. In addition, capital needs for Christian education are budgeted at \$300,000.

Other capital needs figures are \$55,000 for the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, \$100,000 for student centers, and \$384,000 for the Convention Board (the Baptist Building, assemblies, and the camps).

Levon Moore, director of missions for Attala Association, resigned as chairman of the Central Hills Development Committee after serving as chairman for all of the 4½-years of its existence. He was presented a certificate of appreciation by board President Ray Lloyd. The certificate con-

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## Akky Gets Advice From "Cool Chicken" Myers

NASHVILLE — "Dear Akky, Jesus was sent by God to save us from our sins. Did you know that he was nailed to the cross? Believe it or not he had a spear thrown in his side by a Roman soldier. He arose from the dead on a Sunday we celebrate as Easter. You need to read the Bible, go to Sunday

School and church." Your pen pal, Van "Cool Chicken" Myers, First Baptist Church, Natchez, Miss.

Van's letter was one of 700 received last quarter at the Sunday School Board for Akky, a cartoon character who appears regularly in Bible Discoverers, a Sunday School quarterly

for children. A total of 42 came from Mississippi.

While Akky has received many letters and comments from children and leaders since he first became a regular feature in Bible Discoverers, letters poured in last quarter in response to an optional Sunday morning activity suggesting the children write Akky and offer advice and suggestions about his behavior.

Akky, a joint creation of Leon Castle, former editor of Bible Discoverers, and board cartoonist Doug Jones, was originated "to help the boys and girls to analyze some of the Bible truths spoken to in the content," Castle said.

Akky is both good and bad. In one frame, he ponders, "I don't know what great things God has done for me today."

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## Alaska Baptists Cut Budget, Delay Search For Executive

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (BP) — Alaska Baptists cut their budget 12.5 percent and decreased their percentage of budget contributions to the national Cooperative Program from 29 percent to 25 percent during the annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

The budget cut, from \$878,844 in 1979 to \$768,492 for 1980, is an effort to overcome a deficit incurred when contributions from Alaska churches fell below expectations. The deficit, which reached as high as \$75,000, is now \$53,000.

Messengers also elected William B. Lyons, pastor of New Hope Baptist

Church in Anchorage, to a second term as president of the convention, Louise Yarbrough, religious education director at Grand View Baptist Church in Anchorage, first vice president, and Judson Owen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ketchikan, second vice president.

They also passed resolutions supporting newly-elected Southern Baptist Convention President Adrian Rogers, the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust Goal to present the gospel of Jesus to every person in the world by the year 2000, and the denominational efforts in general.

They set a goal to baptize 1,000 new

Christians and start 10 new missions in 1980. Alaska Baptists' baptisms have increased the last two years while that growth indicator in the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole has dropped.

Besides cutting the budget to save money, the convention's executive committee decided not to begin the search for a new state executive secretary to replace Troy Prince until the budget deficit is erased and until the convention's giving through the Cooperative Program is back to at least 29 percent.

The delay in hiring a replacement (Continued on Page 3)

## Annie Armstrong Having Best Year, But Not Over Top Yet

ATLANTA (BP) — The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions is having its best year ever, but hasn't exceeded its \$15 million goal, said William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"In fact," he added, "we do not expect to reach the goal."

A Baptist Press article reported in early August the Annie Armstrong offering had exceeded its goal with contributions totaling \$15,452,000 as of July 31.

"That report was incorrect," Tanner said. "On Aug. 17, 1979, contributions to the Annie Armstrong offering amounted to \$13,487,462, or nearly \$2 million below what was reported."

The \$13.4 million in contributions

represents an increase of 16.01 percent over 1978 contributions by mid-August. It also represents 89.92 percent of the goal.

"Our projections indicate that we will receive about \$14 million in contributions by Dec. 31," Tanner said. "That will represent about 93 percent of the goal."

"While we will not receive the entire goal of \$15 million, the offering will be the best the Home Mission Board has ever received," Tanner added. "We are very grateful to Southern Baptists for their contributions; we are dependent on the Annie Armstrong offering for nearly half the annual budget."

"We did not want people to slack off in their giving, thinking the offering had reached its goal, when, in fact, it has not," Tanner said.

## 'Skybox' Use To End At Future Conventions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Provisions will be made at future meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention to avoid the hassle which erupted following the use of the controversial "skyboxes" at the 1979 SBC in the Summit in Houston, Texas.

Charges were made at the Houston SBC that the privately owned or leased suites at the top of the Summit were used in violation of convention bylaws for political causes in the campaign to elect a president committed to biblical inerrancy as an issue.

"Whether those charges were correct or not, we want to take steps to prevent a similar disagreement in the future," said Tim Hedquist of Nashville, Tenn., convention manager. "The use of such skyboxes or similar facilities will be specifically excluded in future contracts for convention sites."

Hedquist, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, also said he will recommend that the SBC

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## U.S. Government Doesn't Handle Requests About God

WASHINGTON (EP) — Daniel Hayford of Saltpond, Ghana, wants to learn about God.

So he wrote to the U.S. Government. The request wended its way through the bureaucracy to the desk of Kathy Brown, who labors for the Consumer Information Center of the General Services Administration, a kind of government conglomerate that handles all sorts of things.

But one thing it doesn't handle is requests about God. "I hated to just toss it," the conscientious Miss Brown said. Hayford writes that he is "of an elementary school in Ghana," and that he has read "that without God nothing else is possible. I will be grateful if you will help me study more about God by sending me books of Our Lord."

Hayford's address is P. O. Box 214, Saltpond, Ghana, Africa.

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# Volunteer 'Tunes In' To Foreign Missions

RICHMOND, Va. — Bedecked in sterile white with mask, stethoscope and surgical instruments, tense and nimble-fingered, Gene Petty is posed, leaning over his "patient" — an old Charles M. Steiff upright piano.

The gag's on you. Petty breaks out in laughter as he sees your reaction to the 8x10 glossy photos of him dressed as what he calls a "piano doctor." Gene Petty would be the first to joke about his job as a piano tuner but when it comes to getting down to business, it's no laughing matter.

For 10 years Petty was pastor of a Louisa, Va., Baptist church, until one day he realized he was beginning to change the course of his ministry.

"I was glancing through The Commission (Foreign Mission Board missions magazine) and it looked like a beam of light hit the page — 'Volunteers Needed Now' — and I saw 'piano tuner needed.' " relates Petty. Piano tuning had been a life-long interest and Petty saw a chance to use it and his evangelistic fervor in foreign mission volunteer work. Piano tuners aren't easy to come by in some countries overseas — especially those who can

also preach.

He contracted the Foreign Mission Board, went through volunteer application processes and found himself headed for St. Vincent island in the Caribbean. That's where a group of children christened him "the piano doctor," and he picked up on the surgery routines.

That was in October 1977 and since then Petty resigned from the pastorate to start work on a regular basis as a foreign missions volunteer. He is planning to take four three-month mission trips over a period of two years — a rather innovative idea. That means three months on the field, three months at home, and so forth. "It's a cycling routine," says Petty.

And James W. Cecil, the board's associate consultant on laymen overseas, says he could use three other men just like Petty. "We're trying to combine the skill of relating to a church with maintenance of musical instruments," says Cecil.

Petty, 58, supports his volunteer work and furnishes parts and supplies out of his own pocket. But he readily admits it couldn't be done without his

wife ClaraBelle, a senior eligibility worker with the Louisa County welfare department. "She's 'making the tents,'" says Petty. "That's how I'm able to go."

Petty goes it alone now, but sometime in the future his wife will retire and the Pettys will offer themselves as a volunteer team. And then, says Petty with a chuckle ready to burst forth, "we'll continue making music together."



Southern Baptist missions volunteer Gene Petty jokes around for the camera in what he calls his "piano doctor" get-up. In reality Petty is serious about his ministry as a piano tuner volunteering his time for overseas missions.

## Women Sew, Bookkeep During Mission Trip To Barbados

By Elba Womack, Barbados

In response to a challenge by James Cecil of the Laymen Overseas Division of the Foreign Mission Board, Pelahatchie Baptist Church has adopted a project requested by Missionaries Bill and Elba Womack of Barbados.

Martha Nelson, Coordinator of Caring Touch, was Elba Womack group leader; and 15 women volunteered for Share A Skill from churches in Rankin Baptist Association.

These women were able to share with our Bajan people and show a love towards them that they really do care for them and are interested in them... and that Southern Baptists are interested in the total life of their island.

The 16 women divided up in three groups... six women worked with the Summerville Home for girls, and there were 11 girls that they taught handcraft between the ages of 13-17, five mornings. Eight women taught sewing to 18 girls between ages 13-16 from the St. Philip parish, and tables and sewing machines were set up in the chapel on the college campus for this project on Monday through Friday mornings. Two women sewed garments for three missionary families, and others assisted with clothing alterations.

Each morning before classes started a 30-minute Bible Study was taught and, one young lady did share with the group that she had become a born again person during the week.

The Summerville Home for Girls had asked for a continued Bible Study once a week. In addition, the women organized the cassette tape library for Barbados Baptist college and did typing and bookkeeping for the president, who is missionary Womack. Also approximately 400 books for the children's library were processed.

One group of women assisted the missionaries in decorating the small chattel house on the campus where the

project dentist and his wife will be housed.

Ages of the women range from 22-60, and they represented a diversity of backgrounds; accountant, school teachers, secretaries, homemakers, nurse, saleslady, seamstresses, pastors' wives, and wife of a minister of music; and all were homemakers and many with small children. They left 15 school-age and pre-school children in care of relatives or neighbors and church members... and a husband who took his vacation time to care for their children. Countless enablers made the trip possible, churches and WMU's which picked up the tab on the

cost, individual enablers who helped send qualified volunteers, and countless individuals, classes and businesses who contributed materials which were brought for use in the project.

They arrived July 26 and departed Aug. 5 to Guadeloupe to view mission work there on their way back home.

Caring Touch is travel with a purpose for people who care, and this was what it meant to our people in Barbados.



The 16 Rankin County Baptist women who participated in a sewing project on Barbados are shown on the steps of Barbados Baptist College. Across the back, left to right, are Clarice Johnson, Bethel; Geraldine Calhoun, Puckett; Theresa Shepherd, Bethel; Inez Leach, First, Brandon; Nancy Burnham, Puckett; Elaine Carr, Puckett; Elaine Shirley, Crossgates; and Zane Townsend, Pelahatchie; Across the middle are Martha Nelson, Pelahatchie; Katie Dear, Star; Mittlelee McCall, McLaurin Heights, Pearl; Gertrude Varner, Pelahatchie; and Cathy Allen, Puckett. The three in front are Clyde Nettles, First, Brandon; Judy Jones, Bethel; and Helen Alderman, Pelahatchie.

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tained a resolution adopted by the board concerning his work.

R. F. Robinson, a retired layman of Fulton, who has been secretary of the committee, was named to replace Moore.

In May of 1978 the board had established a ceiling of additional expenditures of \$850,000 for Central Hills. This was extended by \$80,000 to take care of several unforeseen expenses and the building of a house for the camp superintendent. The \$90,000 will come out of the advance section of the 1979 budget that has been designated for Central Hills.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, noted that the court had dismissed the suit by EEOC against Mississippi College but that EEOC had appealed the dismissal.

**Cost-of-Living**  
The 1980 budget includes a 7 percent cost-of-living increase for board employees, in accordance with board action and in accordance with President Carter's request for no more than 7 percent in wage increases. There will be no merit increase during 1980 in compliance with the federal guideline.

In Kelly's annual report to the board he noted that the board's disaster relief unit had dispensed 8,500 meals during the ice storm last winter in Clarksdale and 23,185 meals during the time of the flood in April in Jackson. He added that \$115,579.05 had come in through the convention offices for flood relief through July.

During discussion of the budget it was pointed out that the budget includes the expenses for training five resource persons by the Home Mission Board each year. To date some 20 have been trained, it was noted. These are Mississippi people not on the staff of the Convention Board.

It was also noted that video tapes of the Wednesday night session at the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston are available for loan from the Baptist Building.

A committee on board organization was appointed to report back at the post convention session of the board. Committee members are John Causey (chairman), Bill Webb, Jimmy McGee, Charles Pickering, and Julia Otis.

During the closing prayer requests were made to remember Keith Parks, the executive director-elect of the Foreign Mission Board; Jim Smith, the new executive director of the Brotherhood Commission; and the liquor referendum in Grenada County.

**Guess Who's Using The Energy?** — "The average yearly per capita consumption of energy (measured in coal equivalent) in a less developed country is 52 kilograms; in middle income countries, 524; in the industrialized countries, 5016. And in the United States? 10,999. It's statistics like these that helped prompt a recent State Department warning that 'the nation's apparent inability to reduce its dependence on costly foreign oil is undermining America's credibility, damaging its international position, and providing the chief single source of inflation.'" (agenda — July-August, 1979)

## Judge Delays Decision In Beer Buying Case

The standoff between the preacher who said he bought a can of beer on Sunday and the sales clerk who said he didn't, continues.

Judge Larry Walters in Laurel city court last week deferred judgement for at least another week, maybe two. The judgement he has to make is whether to find the defendant, a clerk at O. L. Blue Curb Store in Laurel, guilty of violating an ordinance banning Sunday sales of beer.

Terry Booth, pastor of Laurel's Indian Springs Baptist Church, claimed in court that he bought the beer on Sunday from the clerk Thomas Elias. Elias claimed he did not sell the beer to Booth. Neither had witnesses. Booth said he was trying to prove illegal sales continued after a new ordinance went into effect.

Judge Walters also has to rule on a motion from the defense to quash the indictment on the grounds that the ordinance is null and void because of

## Coila Church Helps Work In Michigan

A group of 22 people from Coila Baptist Church and Valley Hill Baptist Church in Carroll Association, traveled to Michigan to assist in Bible schools and revivals.

The first stop of the trip was Marine City, where the group assisted in services held in Marine City Baptist Church, a one-year-old American Baptist church.

Later, they traveled to Harbor Beach and Port Harbor, bases for the mission project. Jo Anne Legett, the Michigan Baptist Convention's missionary to the area, headed up the arrangements and activities during the July 6-July 14 stay.

Mornings kept the group busy visiting and enrolling people for home Bible study. Revival services were held each night. Bill Blakely, pastor of Coila Baptist Church, and Raymond Story of Coila conducted the services. Two singing groups from Coila — the Gospelsettes and the Glory Road Quartet — provided special music each evening.

During the week, 368 homes were visited and total enrollment in Bible school was 64. Five persons were saved and one man surrendered to the ministry.

Other churches in Carroll Association provided funds for the project, and Vaiden Baptist Church donated their bus for the trip.

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getting support from the Warren Baptist Association. Director of missions Lavon Hatten is promoting the work among the churches — of all denominations — to gather support and volunteers to help.

Each month, a gospel film from Billy Graham's Worldwide Films is shown to inmates on a projector bought by the Warren County Mental Health Association. Currently, someone must show the film seven or eight times since the inmates have no large meeting rooms available.

The volunteers feel their being there is definitely God's will.

Darrell Shows, a retired welder and cabinet maker, and member of Goodrum Baptist Church, said he met an elderly man on the steps of the jail one Sunday evening. The man had done a year's time for minor offenses. Darrell asked him what the trouble was. He said he hated to ask but was hungry and needed some help. Darrell contacted his pastor, fed the man and got him a place to stay and put him into a job the next day. "I saw him several months later — he was still on the job doing fine," said Darrell.

Roscoe told the story of attempting to witness to a black Muslim "I let him lead me into an argument over the Bible," said Roscoe, who said he got angry and told the man to shut up. He started to leave the cell area when he was stopped by another man who said "You didn't come to argue with him

about hell, you came to tell us about Jesus." Roscoe said that put him back on track and he was able to relate to the man who stopped him from leaving.

The volunteers and Sheriff Barrett and the jail administrator, Dennis Cahill, get together regularly for a fellowship supper, to talk about results, give testimonies, and discuss approaches to the ministry.

Said Roscoe, "The fellow who can't witness — he just hasn't had a spiritual experience. If a man's ever accepted Jesus Christ as savior, it's the most simple thing in the world."

Said his pastor Charles Funderburk of Roscoe's commitment to the jail ministry. "There's no hullabaloo about it — he just does it."

## 'Skybox' Use

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begin alternating its annual meeting mainly among four cities — Dallas, Atlanta, New Orleans and Kansas City.

"I don't mean to suggest that we never meet in another city," said Hedquist. "Six other locations meet our specifications, and we may want to hold the SBC occasionally in one of them." The six places are St. Louis (site of the 1980 SBC), Los Angeles (site of the 1981 SBC), Pittsburgh (site of the 1983 SBC), New York, Detroit, and a new facility under construction at Rosemont, Ill. (O'Hare Airport).

## Japanese Take Crash Course In "Life In The United States"

By Jo Laurin McDonald

Folks at William Carey College have had a chance these past two weeks to see their world through the eyes of people who are not familiar with life in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Carey played host to 28 Japanese visitors, all of whom are student nurses or other medical personnel.

The student nurses, 20 in all, came from the Japan Baptist School of Nursing in Kyoto, Japan. The group also included two medical doctors and a nurse who are on the staff at Seirei Welfare Community in Hamamatsu, three teachers from the School of

Nursing at Fukuoka University and a teacher from Shizuoka Junior College, as well as an interpreter.

The purpose of the trip was to familiarize the group with medical care in the United States, as well as to acquaint them with some of the aspects of American culture.

Their crash course on "Life in the United States" began on July 31 with a guided tour of Hattiesburg planned by the Hattiesburg Area Historical Society. Directed by Mrs. Jacq Jones, the tour included a ride through the city's residential sections, a visit to the display on Hattiesburg history at McCain

Library on the USM campus, a tour of USM's School of Nursing, and quick stops at the Forrest County Courthouse and Hattiesburg City Hall. The afternoon ended with swimming and a picnic, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones.

Other highlights of the two-week visit have been an educational tour which included Blair High School and Jones Junior College, an evening at Southern Arena Theatre, a trip to Jackson and a drive on the Natchez Trace, a visit to the Ole Miss Medical Center, and home-stays with local families. The group was also involved in daily classes in comparative religion, American Culture, American History and Government, and Conversational English.

The difference between the two cultures has been a common topic of conversation for hosts and guests. The impression that the United States is a very rich country is prevalent among the Japanese. One explanation was offered by Dr. Tohru Kadota, a surgeon from Shizuoka. "Everyone seems to have land," he commented, adding that in Japan a square yard of land sells for approximately \$500.



Mrs. Jacq Jones of Hattiesburg and a member of First Baptist Church points some of the Hattiesburg memorabilia on display at USM's McCain Library to Japanese nursing students who have been visiting at William Carey College.

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# Sports-Intoxicated America Gives President Hard Time

By Norman Jameson

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — Bill Williams discovered "a certain segment of our society is totally and completely intoxicated by sports" when he kept his Grand Canyon College baseball team from competing in the NAIA world series.

Williams, president of the Southern Baptist school, kept his top-ranked team home after they celebrated their final win by pouring champagne over themselves, against published rules prohibiting the use or possession of alcohol.

As a result, he endured threats that forced him from his house for four days, court action initiated by players, possible sanction by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and potential loss of donor support.

"I didn't have people calling to ask 'How does this decision affect their academic stance?'" Williams said. "We didn't kick any of the boys out of school, didn't put any on probation (a normal disciplinary measure which would have prevented them from playing in the tournament), we've not kept them from coming back. I didn't get any questions about the academic effect."

The Grand Canyon Antelopes, 58-10, were top-ranked among America's small colleges in the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics. They had just swept their district and area

tournaments to earn a berth in the NAIA World Series in Nashville, Tenn., where pro scouts are like shoppers on Christmas Eve.

Publicly, no one has said any of the celebration champagne was consumed and the players denied it was, but possession is just as expressly forbidden. Williams indicated that if this incident had been an isolated case of discipline breakdown, the punishment may have been less severe.

When a photograph of the celebration appeared in Phoenix newspapers, Williams knew it required disciplinary action. But what action would be appropriate to show vividly the seriousness of the players' breach of trust and to treat them not just as athletes but as students and representatives of a Christian school?

On one hand, Williams had a documented violation of published colleges rules. On the other hand stood the likelihood of a national baseball title and its accompanying publicity, prestige, recruitment aid and donor support. And in the middle, roiling in the conflict of secular and religious values, was the question of the role of athletics at a Christian college.

Williams, talking a month after the incident, said, "The question we kept having to answer was 'What decision will best present to all that our number one priority here is to prepare people to be witnesses?' The only answer that would consistently come back to us

was that we needed to keep the team home."

Williams, a former high school athlete and wrestling coach, is not insensitive to the value of athletics, or to the benefits of a highly successful athletic program such as Grand Canyon's in this decade — two national championship basketball teams and four appearances in the national baseball tournament.

"Quite selfishly, I would have liked a national title, which I believe we would have won," Williams said. "But suppose the team would have gone and won. After this incident, could I have ever presented that in a meaningful light as a positive thing for Grand Canyon College? Every time I mentioned it, people would have said, 'Yeah, you can have those kinds of teams if you have guys that celebrate with champagne, don't have any standards, go by their own rules, etc.' There would have been no way that would have been positive for the institution. I believe God put this institution here and I believe we are strategically located, as far as the evangelism of the West goes."

"There's a bigger lesson than winning a national tournament," Williams maintained. "A lesson that would perhaps make their (players) lives stronger in terms of accomplishment, in terms of respecting those guidelines in both the Christian faith and the institutions they may be a part

of that will make them most effective. Those things have to ride above anything you can accomplish at any given time."

Immediate reaction from Arizona newspapers was negative. Sports writers especially castigated the "archaic, unforgiving" attitude of the college toward its players. Eventually, however, editorials swung in favor of Grand Canyon and it was applauded for sticking to its rules and standards at a time when others let them slide. Several Baptist state newspapers carried favorable editorials on the incident.

The ironies of the situation will be pondered for years. Williams met with the executive committee of the NAIA, facing possible sanction for keeping his team out of the national tournament. It issued a statement saying, "Because of the unusual circumstances surrounding this case, the committee has determined that institutional probationary action . . . shall not be assessed in this instance."

Williams said after the meeting, the committee, composed primarily of college administrators and athletic directors, supported Grand Canyon's stance and indicated punitive action may have been required had the school not reprimanded the players.

But the strangest irony and stuff of which Cinderella stories are composed, is that Grand Canyon's replacement in the world series, David Lipscomb College of Nashville, Tenn., a Church of Christ school, won the series. Lipscomb, 1977 NAIA champions, had been runner-up in the Area 5 tournament but got their players back together one more time and took the championship before a hometown crowd.

## Missionaries Fearful Of Future In Iran

By Ruth Fowler

BANGALORE, India (BP) — The Henry E. Turlingtons had planned to remain in India for their summer teaching assignment and then return to their ministry in Iran. All that may change.

Now Turlington is not sure if he and his wife, Helen, will ever be able to live and minister in Iran again. New reports of continuing turmoil in the Islamic republic and the loss of all but a few church members lead the Turlingtons to believe their September return to the country will only be a business trip to arrange for the final closing of their church in Iran.

The Turlingtons, the only Southern Baptist missionaries currently assigned to Iran, had worked there for more than a year when the Muslim-controlled revolutionary forces began their move to overthrow the shah. In February, when the conflict became critical, the Turlingtons left Iran, along with most other Americans and many of the members of their English-language congregation.

When the Turlingtons returned to Iran for April and May after the successful takeover of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, they found that they were the only Americans left in their congregation and among the few Americans left in the country.

"From what we hear, our church is down to one Iranian, one Nigerian embassy family, and possibly one British woman," Turlington said. "News of Iran here in India is very sketchy, but nothing we read encourages us to think we can go back in September and resume a ministry through that church. We have no idea there will ever come another time when Americans will be in Iran in anything like the previous numbers."

Turlington believes that other Christian groups and minority religions may be affected by the strict Muslim government.

"Khomeini and others have strongly asserted that there will be, under their planned Islamic republic, complete freedom for Iran's religious minorities," Turlington said. "It is difficult to believe that this will be much more than simple tolerance and that only as long as these groups do not threaten Islam."

The Turlingtons emphasized that many of the people of Iran were still friendly, some even more so than before. "We were invited into more Iranian homes to eat than we had been during the 20 months we were in Tehran previously," Turlington said.

Some Iranians wanted to know why the Turlingtons were leaving Iran, assuring them they were welcome. But Turlington said they did not always feel welcome when they were out on the streets.

"To go shopping in our own neighborhood where there had once been so many Americans and other expatriates and to see no one except Iranians was sometimes a lonely experience," Turlington said. "But at no time did we personally experience anything other than stares that we interpreted as hostile."

Anti-American feeling was strong, increasingly so at the end of May when people reacted negatively to the U.S. Senate's censure of the executions and certain other methods being used by the revolutionary government, Turlington said. "The last weekend we were there we saw anti-American demonstrations all over Iran, especially in Tehran. Needless to say, we kept a low profile and did nothing to further antagonize anyone."

## Sadie Tiller Crawley Dies In Louisiana

LULING, La. (BP) — Sadie Tiller (Mrs. A. L.) Crawley, a writer, early-day leader in Baptist Training Union work and former dean of women at two Baptist Colleges, died Aug. 20 in Luling, La., after a lengthy illness. She was 87.

Graveside services for Mrs. Crawley, mother of Foreign Mission Board executive Winston Crawley, were held in Newport, Tenn., where her husband is buried. He was pastor of First Baptist Church there.

Mrs. Crawley was dean of women at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible School, Baguio, during two periods of service, covering a total of about three years. In the states she had been dean of women and vice president at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College and dean of women at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. She also was interim dean of women at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

She served on the staff at West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., and on the Georgia State Convention staff in the early days of BYPU (Baptist Young People's Union). She spoke frequently about Training Union work throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

She wrote several books, including "The Meaning of Church Membership," written for the Church Training department of the Sunday School Board and translated into several languages. More recently she wrote "World Awareness" for the Woman's Missionary Union.

Born in Oglethorpe County, Ga., she moved with her family to Atlanta, Ga., when she was young. She attended Bessie Tift (now Tift) College, Forsyth, Ga., and Columbia University and was a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

She is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

## Alaska . . .

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for Prince, who resigned as of July 15, is anticipated to save \$47,400 in salary, travel and part-time secretarial help for the office.

Anticipated contributions from Alaska Baptist churches in 1980 total \$288,420, of which \$72,105 is designated for distribution through the national Cooperative Program. The difference between the budget and projected income is made up through assistance from several SBC missions agencies.

The 1980 meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention will be Aug. 12-14 at the Faith Baptist Church in Anchorage.

Ibadan — At its 66th annual session, held in Ibadan, the Nigerian Baptist Convention elected Osadolor Imasogie as President.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Sept. 2-8 Brotherhood Leadership Training Week
- Sept. 4 Area Brotherhood Leadership Training, 7-9 p.m.; FBC, Senatobia; FBC, Greenwood; FBC, New Albany; FBC, Starkville
- Sept. 6 Area Brotherhood Leadership Training, 7-9 p.m.; FBC, Clinton; FBC, Brookhaven; FBC, Gulfport; Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg

## Local BSU Organization Roster 1979-80

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			Mathiston	

(P.T.) — Part-time Director  
\*Churches listed are main campuses. Allowable space does not permit listing all churches that students attend.

Submitted by Department of Student Work, MBCB — Jerry J. Merriman, Director

## Getting Around Is Getting Easier



RIDGECREST, N. C. — Hoyle Allred recently made a trip to Ridgecrest on his 60th birthday at his expense to demonstrate that people in wheelchairs can move over the conference grounds without having to navigate curbs of more than one step.

Allred, director of missions of the Gaston Baptist Association in North Carolina, suffered a stroke in 1975 which left him partially paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair. "I figured my Ridgecrest days were over," said Allred, who has been attending conferences here for 38 years.

When he and his wife Dot attended Home Missions Week in 1977, they had to have help entering many buildings. "I started down one hill and it was so steep, I nearly tore my hand off," he said.

When he returned home he wrote conference center manager Ken McAnear suggesting the minimum number of ramps and locations he felt were needed. Several were added in 1978 and that year Allred toured the grounds with McAnear making additional suggestions. He was pleased to find that most had been implemented when he attended a conference here in May.

Ramps allow a wheelchair person to enter the main entrance of Pritchell Hall. Or by entering Pritchell from the back near the media center, one can ride the elevator to the second floor, cross a ramp to Rhododendron, take an elevator to the first floor and enter the dining hall. Provisions also have been made for wheelchairs to enter a side entrance of the dining hall.

While Allred still has a few additional suggestions, he said he is pleased with the improvements. "I'd like for every wheelchair person in the convention to know that unless they can't move at all, they can come to Ridgecrest and go anywhere," Allred said.

Allred said his condition has also called the attention of many churches in his association to the need for ramps and other provisions for the handicapped.

He said First Baptist Church, Gastonia, has redesigned the front of its building to place ramps there. "And my own church (Parkwood, Gastonia) has a parking place for me and a ramp beside it," Allred said.

"While I used to be the only one in church in a wheelchair, seldom do I visit a church now where there is not at least one other person,"

Allred has missed only two days of work since recovering from his stroke. He is usually accompanied by wife Dot who serves as his secretary, drives the car and helps him maneuver the wheelchair.

While the Allreds say they find provisions for the handicapped vastly improved over a few years ago, they usually call ahead when they're going to a new place to be sure they will be able to get around.

"We rarely go anywhere where ramps and other facilities are not available," Dot Allred said. "People are now getting out who couldn't otherwise. They are being allowed to keep on living."



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## Editorials

### This And That . . .

## Youth Night, Witnessing, And Subscriptions

### Youth Night

The largest crowd ever assembled in Mississippi Coliseum was a group of Baptist young people. The annual Baptist youth night earlier this month in that building had upwards of 13,000 in attendance, and there had not been that many in the structure before.

Jerry Clower, as he was speaking to the young people, said he was glad to be a resident of a state where the largest crowd ever to fill a public facility would be a body of Christian young people praising the Lord.

Surely committee chairman Larry Salter and the committee members are to be congratulated for continuing to put together a program that will attract 10,000 or more young people year after year. This year's program was no exception, as was attested by the attendance. Clower, of course, is known all over the nation because of his television and recording career; and Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, is one of the best-known preachers in the Southern Baptist

Convention, also due to television and radio appearances.

This was not only the largest crowd ever to fill the coliseum. It had to be also the largest crowd of Mississippi Baptists ever assembled.

### Witnessing

Some people have become upset at President Carter for speaking a word of testimony to South Korean President Park. They say he had no business doing such as one head of state dealing with another.

This is another indication that the world does not understand Southern Baptists. We cannot be forced into the mold of the world, and thank God for that. The world cannot understand that the Southern Baptist takes, or should take, his relationship to his fellowman so seriously that he will seek to point anyone to Christ, whoever he might be and whatever might be the circumstances. We feel as Southern Baptists that the eternal destiny of a man's soul is a matter that transcends

the importance of protocol or circumstances. The person who has no concern for the soul of himself or others, of course, would not understand the President's actions.

Southern Baptists understand it and should applaud the President for his interest in spreading his faith.

### Subscriptions

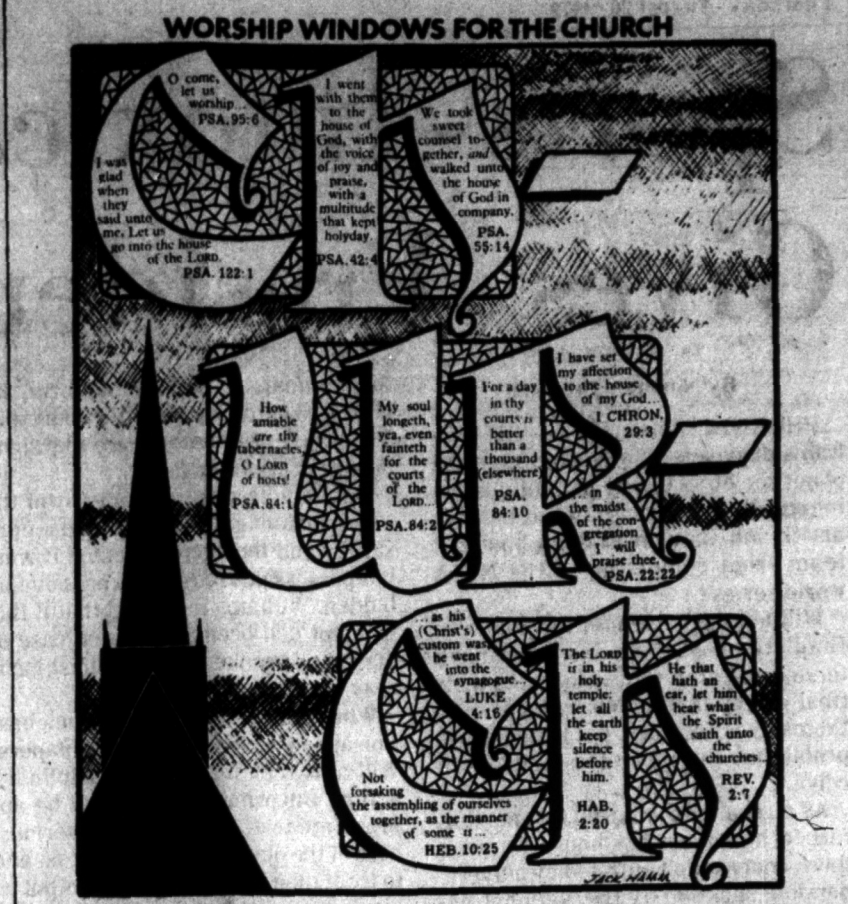
As has already been announced, subscription costs for the Baptist Record will of necessity go up on Jan. 1. It will not be a large increase, but it is a necessary one. The Every Family Plan cost will go up 36 cents per family per year to \$3.24. That is, of course, an additional 3 cents per family per month, or less than 1 cent additional per week. In fact, it is just slightly less than 1/4 of a cent per week, for we publish 50 weeks out of the year.

The Every Family Plan cost for the past two years has been \$2.88. That breaks down to be 24 cents per family per month. The new rate will be 27 cents per family per month.

The other two plans for subscriptions, the Club Plan and the annual individual subscription, will also be a little more next year. The Club Plan will be \$3.96 per family per year, and the annual individual subscription will be \$4.25. The Club Plan will be billed monthly at the rate of 33 cents per family. The annual subscriptions, of course, will be paid annually. The Club Plan has been \$3.60, and the annual rate has been \$3.75.

Postage rates continue to skyrocket. We continue to hope that the end of the spiral soon will be experienced so that we can know fairly well during one year what the next year's postage costs will be. At this point we can only make a fairly educated guess. Of course, all costs are going up, including salaries, labor costs, and printing. The postage increases are rising faster than others, it seems.

So it is with reluctance that the Baptist Record has announced these rates hikes. We will seek to continue to make the Baptist Record the very best publication that it can possibly be.



An animated Neil Jackson of the Sunday School Board makes a point during one of six Church Growth conferences this month. This meeting was at North Greenwood Baptist Church with 85 in attendance.

## Letters To The Editor

### Correct Interpretation

Editor:

Prior to, during, and immediately after a Southern Baptist Convention we hear quite a bit about the infallibility and inerrancy of the Bible.

Assuming that the Word is infallible, inerrant, etc.; what about the interpretations, parallels, and applications that we constantly hear from the pulpit?

For example, the parable of the pearl of great price is a fair example with which many speakers use eisegesis (the opposite of exegesis) which means the reading into the Scriptures a meaning (interpretation) which is not there.

Many use this parable to portray God as the seeker of sinners, transforming them into "pearls of great price."

While God does seek sinners through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, Matthew chapter 13 verses 45-46 is NOT the correct and APPLICABLE scripture background for the establishment of this central truth.

Matthew chapter 13 contains seven parables, commonly known as Kingdom parables, six of which may be paired as follows:

Wheat-Tares, showing final separation of the good and the bad. Draught of fishes, same.

Mustard seed, illustrating the growth of the Kingdom. Leaven, same.

Hidden treasure, teaching the INCOMPARABLE WORTH of the Kingdom of Heaven. Pearl, same.

We are told that the ancient Rabbis, maintaining a deep reverence for the Scriptures, were intensely zealous of their interpretations which included: Eliciting the genuine sense of the passage.

Seeking to discover the plain simple sense and meaning.

Using every scientific method at their disposal.

Determining grammatical construction.

Making use of comparisons and parallel passages.

Intensely studying context and historical background.

Making scrupulous investigations of style, vocabulary, accentuations, and vocalizations.

Allegorical, fanciful imaginations, and spiritualizing were severely frowned upon as doing great violence to the sacred Scriptures.

The greatest New Testament

preacher (other than Jesus) was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write to his son in the faith; "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." 2nd Tim. 2:15.

Marvin E. Taylor  
Hamilton, Miss.

### Who Is The Author?

Editor:

I have noticed in past weeks articles related to the SBC Reaffirmation of Faith in the inerrancy of the scripture. It disturbs me that time, effort, money, etc. has been wasted by our "leaders" for such a fruitless effort. If God who is perfect, faultless, and cannot lie is indeed the author of holy writings, then what is written in the scriptures must be faultless and without error. The popular argument for inerrancy is that if any part be in error, then fallible man must judge which part is in error; and if one part can be in error, why not another? — or indeed, why not all? Hence the scriptures must, of necessity, be "without any admixture of error."

If YHWH wrote these things, they were certainly without error in the original and any error now in them came from man. But, every translation of the Bible from which I study says that holy men spoke the message of YHWH as the Spirit moved them (as they were in-breathed). Other men were inspired by the same Spirit to record these messages from YHWH and to record the impact (or lack of it) upon those who heard the message. Men recorded, many times to the best of their recollection, what they heard and what they saw. YHWH did not dictate what these men should write. He simply impressed upon these men that the events they were witnessing would have an impact upon all mankind and should be recorded. They obeyed.

Now, for the sake of argument, let us concede that YHWH did indeed author the scriptures and that they are "without any admixture of error." We need those scriptures! Where are they? The fact is we do not have any original manuscripts from which to translate our Bible. There are hundreds of copies of both Hebrew and Greek manuscripts available to us today but not one is identical to another. The infallible, inerrant, original, written by God, Holy Scripture, has been lost and for modern man does not exist! From these many different copies of ancient manuscripts we get many modern (and to many, wicked) translations. This is actually the best thing that has happened to Christendom! We now are able to know and understand the intentions of YHWH in these latter days. Christians who study the scriptures will be prepared for the awful days which lie ahead. Led by the Spirit, we will glean the message which has been hidden these many years, in part, in all the various manuscripts.

Let's stop worshipping a book and worship the God of that book. Let's stop defending a Bible that does not exist and start studying the Bible we have.

Robert C. Woodman  
Hattiesburg

### Incomplete Message

Editor:

After preaching the Gospel of Christ for 50 years, it grieves me to hear our Baptist Preachers today fail to preach Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). It is the message of the Cross — "How that Christ died for our sins, according

to the Scriptures (O. T. Scriptures), was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (O. T. Scriptures) — that saves sinners (1 Corinthians 15:1,3,4). The Apostle Paul states this plainly in 1 Corinthians 1:1 and Romans 1:16.

The average preacher today preaches about Christ, but not what He did for us at Calvary (1 Peter 2:24; 3:18. Galatians 1:3,4. Titus 2:14). It was on the Cross that Jesus paid our sin debt.

The only place in the New Testament where we find the question asked, "What must I do to be saved," is in Acts 16:30. This question was asked by the Philippian jailer. Paul answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Then Paul preached "the Word of the Lord to him." No doubt told him who Jesus is and what He has done for us, for faith cometh (not by exercising) by hearing and hearing by the Word of the Lord (Romans 10:17).

Again and again we find the Lord saying in the Gospel of John, "He that believeth on Me HATH everlasting life" (John 3:14-18, 5:24, 6:47).

It is not what the preachers today preach that is disappointing but what they fail to preach. The average preacher does not preach enough saving truth — who Jesus is and what He has done for us — for a lost sinner to come to know Christ as his personal Saviour. We are to preach the word but major on the Gospel of Christ (1 Corinthians 1:17).

K. Z. Stevens  
Retired Pastor  
Columbus, Miss

### Growing Crime At Home

Editor:

As a mother and as a Christian, I feel that it is my duty to speak out about the growing amount of crime that is happening in our community. This concerns us all; and it is time that someone say something about it.

What you will read in this letter is not something about the world's problems or the world's needy children. What you'll read in this letter is about OUR children — YOURS AND MINE.

Today, I picked up the paper and read about the alleged rape of a three-year-old girl by a 62-year-old man. This was here in our hometown, BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI. PARENTS, it has come home to us.

We can no longer just simply raise our children. It has become very evident to me in the past few months that we can never do enough for our children. I have patted myself on the back many times and found myself thinking how lucky my children are. I now realize that was wrong of me. True, we do provide for our children, just as most parents do. They have a happy home, they are receiving a quality education, they have nice clothes, they attend church, we talk to them about Jesus. We do all types of GOOD things for them; but is this enough?

We are taught that all sin is equal; that one sin is no worse than another sin. Honestly, in my mind, I cannot comprehend this, when something like the above mentioned rape comes to mind.

I feel very small and very insecure realizing the responsibilities that lie on my husband's and my shoulders. There are three little souls under all the yelling and laughing and fighting and giggling.

I am not content anymore, Lord, to be a good person, or a good wife, or a good mother. It is time that we stop being content with our lives. After all, in the end, nothing else will matter. Let us not be content to be GOOD any

more. We can give our children the best of everything, but what will new clothes and new toys do to help them when they're older and have a crisis to face? Or more important, when they face their maker?

It all must begin at home, parents. Only when we've done our best, daily, can we truthfully say that we have helped the children . . . yours and mine. Who is to say what our children will become? We are promised that if we raise them up in the way of the Lord, they will not depart from it when they are old. I believe this. If you do not believe this; or if maybe you've never even considered it, maybe it's time to re-evaluate our lives. We owe it first to God, secondly to ourselves, and thirdly to our children.

Gail Diamond Foster  
Brookhaven

### Need In Indiana

Editor:

Calvary Baptist Church would like your assistance in contacting a God called man for pastor.

We ask that only those men who definitely feel led by God to consider our church. Please send a complete resume, including picture and a taped sermon which includes the invitation.

We prefer the minister to have college and seminary degrees and pastoral experience.

The church is in full cooperation with Southern Baptist Convention and agencies. We have about 100 members and Sunday School attendance runs between 50 and 60 when we have a pastor on the field. We pay a salary above average for a small church.

La Porte is 25 miles west of South Bend, Ind., and 70 miles southeast of Chicago, Ill. The population is something over 23,000 with about half that number unchurched.

We desire the prayers of your staff and those of the subscribers that God will soon bless in sending a pastor.

Pulpit Committee  
Calvary Baptist Church  
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La Porte, IN 46350

### Southern Baptists

#### At Dartmouth

Editor:

Southern Baptists now have an active church and campus ministry at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Our ministry would be greatly aided if your readers would send us the names and addresses of Baptist students coming to Dartmouth College this fall. We will do our best to minister to them. A notice in your paper to this effect would apprise them of our ministry. Thank you.

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Upper Valley Baptist Fellowship  
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Nashville — The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is inviting Royal Ambassador Groups to tour the denomination's education and publication agency during the Sixth National RA Congress here July 10-12. The tour lasts approximately one hour. Mrs. Lynn Walker, the board's tour and hospitality assistant, may be reached at (615) 251-2796 for scheduling of tours conducted only on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

## Church Growth Meets Study Growth Barriers

By Tim Nicholas

"We have devised barriers that prevent people from joining Sunday School," claimed Neil Jackson, a speaker for the Church Growth conferences set in six Mississippi cities this month.

Jackson, of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, was featured along with Nelson Tilton of the Home Mission Board and Harold Bryson of New Orleans Seminary at the six meetings which conclude tonight at First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

The other meetings were in Tupelo, Greenwood, Meridian, Brookhaven, and Hattiesburg.

One of the barriers Jackson spoke of is the visitor's slip, given to new people who visit a Sunday School. "A visitor's slip is a rejection slip," said Jackson, who indicated that it means that the visitor is not really wanted. "Instead," he suggested, "Hand them an enrollment card."

He said announcements could be made in worship services that worship visitors write "enroll me" across visitor's cards.

Jackson said that many people feel that the Sunday School shouldn't be talked about in a worship service, that "it will take away from the dignity of the hour — garbage," he said. "There ought to be such a marriage of Bible study and worship, you slide from one to the other."

Jackson said the importance of enrollment comes to bear when one realizes that in virtually every church in the SBC, average Sunday School attendance is 45-55 percent of enrollment. That means that an increased

enrollment equals increased attendance.

"The reason we aren't baptizing people is we don't have any lost people in our Sunday Schools," said Jackson.

Nelson Tilton, of the Church Extension Division of the HMB, told the group in Greenwood that Southern Baptists don't consider the audience nearly enough. "Who we are trying to take the message to?"

Tilton said that SBC churches tend to homogenize. He noted that only four in the 85 in attendance at the meeting in Greenwood were under age 30. "We might as well think about why those under 30 are not here," he said.

He listed a number of ways to keep churches from growing. These are the things that churches have concentrated on that prevented growth. "Don't invite them, have short pastors, arrange long term subsidy from the denomination, divert attention from the needs of the people, build more buildings than you need, perpetuate the small church self-image, have too much intercongregational cooperation, generate the cutback syndrome.

"Transfer responsibility, forget the real purpose of church, assume people mean it when they are initially negative to your Christian aggressiveness, use blunderbuss evangelism."

The meetings are sponsored by the Sunday School and Evangelism Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Batesville Hosts Extension Class

Seminary Extension will meet at First Baptist Church, Batesville for a course in the Book on Ephesians, which is the suggested January Bible study.

Dates of classes will be Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13; Oct. 4, 11; and Nov. 1, 8, with meeting time of 7-9 p.m.

James Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College will be teacher. Cost is \$8.25, plus \$9.75 for Broadman Commentary number 11.

Parola Baptist Association invites any and all to attend this course of Bible study. A music class or classes will also be offered. Contact J. E. Jolly, seminary extension director.

## Book Reviews

**BAPTIST PIETY** — The Last Will and Testament of Obadiah Holmes by Edwin E. Gaustad (Christian University Press, (Eerdmans) 171 pp., paper, \$5.95.) The name of Obadiah Holmes is familiar to any Baptist who has read the history of the beginnings of Baptist work in America in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, but this is the first time that a detailed story of his life and ministry has been presented. Here is the tale of how he became a Baptist, what led up to the widely told "whipping incident" (for visiting a Baptist friend in Mass. and holding a religious service in his home), and experiences in his leadership of the Newport church in the later years of his life. The last half of the book presents known writings of Holmes, with a testimony of his life, his religious experience, concerning his wife and family, and to the church. Here is new light on the early history and struggles of our

early Baptist fathers in this nation.

**CELEBRATE!** by Gaylon and Fayly Cothran. (Birmingham, AL: Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, 140 pp., \$1.95, paper.) Celebrate! looks like a coffee-table book for teens. Its art and photography are immediately appealing, but its appeal does not stop with appearance. The gems of inspiration it holds, the pearls of wisdom, the gold of warmth, make this book truly a treasure. Though written for youth, its free verse relates to all ages. Each short verse comes from a specific passage in the Bible, which is referenced. Sections center on one theme — celebrating Christ. All verse and most of the photography are originals by Gaylon and Fayly Cothran, Baptist leaders and writers from Phoenix, Arizona. The book was created as a theme piece for the National Acaens Conference. — Betty Hurt, WMU Librarian.

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# Vet's Advertisements Mention God In Motto

By Don McGregor

A Mississippi Baptist pastor and his deacon son, a veterinarian, are the owners of a wide-spread registered quarterhorse operation; and the title of the proceeds is being used in Christian education.

W. Otis Seal has been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Meridian, for 22 years. This historic church will be 100 years old in 1981. One of its former pastors is Boyd, the Mississippi historian.

Seal's son, Dr. A. Otis Seal, is a veterinarian; and together they own and operate Seal's Stallion Station and the Seal Veterinary Clinic. The elder Seal has been working with horses since he was a youngster in Southwest Mississippi. Both his grandfather and his father were interested in horses.

The veterinary clinic was established seven years ago, and the business has mushroomed, Otis Seal points out. Fifteen years ago the father started with two mares, which he had purchased for \$1,250. His theory is to continue to try to upgrade his stock by buying and selling, but he never dreamed he would someday own a stallion named Three Jets. His dream was to be one of the syndicate of owners of Three Jets at \$3,000 per share. Now he owns the horse.

He said he has done business with horse owners from 16 states on his acreage, west of Meridian. "You meet some of the finest people you'll ever meet in your life in this business," he declared. "They are real Christians, but also you'd be surprised at the opportunities the Lord has given me to witness."

Ten per cent of all the profit that comes from the operation goes into a loan fund at William Carey College. This is a low-interest fund that the student pays back to keep the fund building. There is no interest while the student is in school. Additionally the horse operation has provided a \$10,000 endowment for William Carey, and Seal has given the school his library valued at \$4,000.

Most of the 99 horses that were on the place the day of the Baptist Record visit belonged to others. The Seals have about 20.

The son, Al, became a veterinarian because of his love for working with horses. He took his pre-vet training at

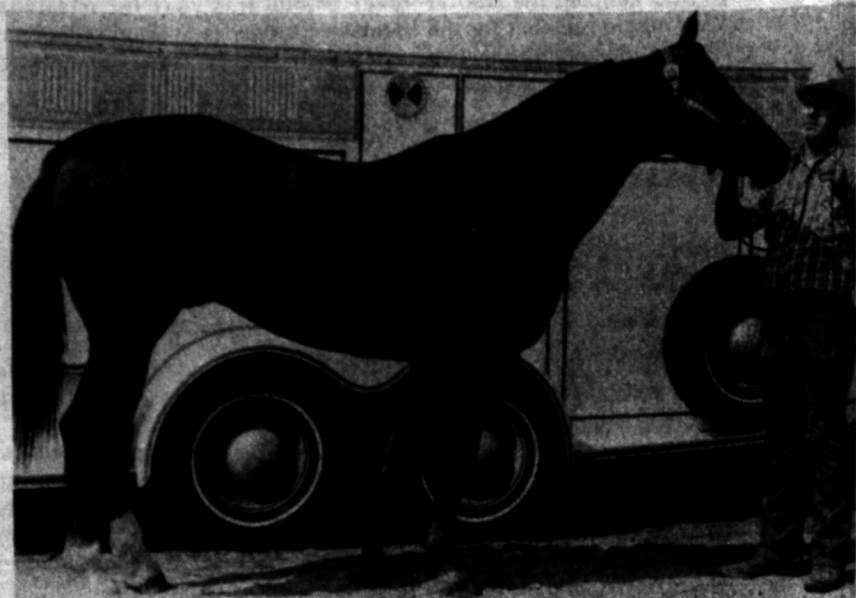
Mississippi State and received his doctor's degree at Auburn.

Three Jets, the famous stallion now owned by the Seals, is 17 years old. The father and son are just about as proud of another stallion they have had longer named Tinker Steel. He is 8.

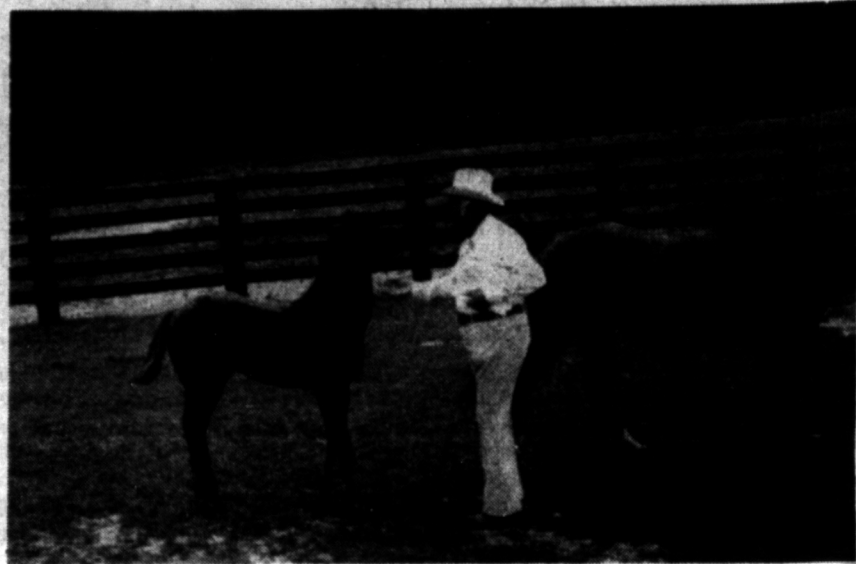
The Seals' horses have won more than their share of trophies. Both Tinker Steel and Three Jets are American Quarter Horse Association champions. The Seals run full page ads in Southern Horseman and other magazines; and invariably their

motto appears somewhere on the ad: "When you take God into your plans — You had better make your plans mighty big!" This the Seals have done.

There is something about all those horses and all that acreage that makes a guy from the cow country of west Texas a little envious. When I played football in high school, the first thing my cowboy teammates put on after their showers were their hats. Many of them didn't wear shoes. If they didn't have cowboy boots they were hesitant about going to school.



Al Seal and the pride of the Seals' horse farm, Three Jets.



Calvary, Meridian, pastor Otis Seal communes with a colt on his horse farm.

## Ugandan Baptist Churches Survive Amin's Repression

DALLAS, Texas (BP) — Up to 125 of the more than 300 Baptist congregations active before former President Idi Amin's rule are still alive in Uganda, says a Southern Baptist foreign mission volunteer recently returned from there.

Although church buildings badly need repair, the churches are quickly reviving spiritually, said Jimmie D. Hooten, former Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya and Uganda and now minister of outreach at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

He spent more than a month in Uganda supervising a team of six college-age, Swahili-speaking MKs (missionary kids), including his own son. They distributed aid throughout the country where Ugandan exiles and the Tanzanian army restored religious freedom when they deposed Amin this spring.

Hooten helped distribute 80 to 100 tons of supplies and tools. He also assisted Uganda missionaries reestablish contact with Baptist congregations in the country and met with government ministers to maintain recently established rapport between the new government and Baptists in the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries and in the churches.

Of the approximately 300 Baptist leaders and pastors once in Uganda. "Many more have stood strong than we have realized," Hooten said. "Over 200 still feel called and are ready to build."

Although that means a surplus of church leaders, Hooten says all will probably be preaching again within a year's time. The mission is reviving its five Bible schools to train them for returning to the ministry.

Hooten says a small proportion of the missing churches were simply destroyed by Amin's men — their build-

ings demolished and leaders killed. But most of the missing churches either disbanded because of fear or joined the Anglican congregations allowed to continue meeting when Amin banned Baptists and 26 other religious groups.

Buildings of the active congregations need extensive repairs since cement and tin for roofs have been unavailable for eight years, said Hooten. Also, Amin's men often stripped church roofs of tin to sell.

In spite of the physical disrepair, churches hold regular Sunday services. On other days, he said, "They just quit what they're doing and are ready to have a service whenever you arrive. The people are grateful to God."

Ugandan Baptist leaders have already met and begun a series of revivals led by local leadership. They also plan to hold a simultaneous revival, Hooten said, probably next year.

"At this point, things are down so far spiritually, politically, economically and emotionally that the best thing that can happen is a moral, spiritual and emotional uplift for the people," he said.

To deal with the economic low in what was once one of Africa's most prosperous black nations, Hooten and the MKs helped the mission distribute medicines and vitamin and food supplements donated by Medical Assistance Program of Carol Stream, Ill., and simple agricultural tools purchased with Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board relief ministries funds.

Using three vans and a five-ton truck provided by Foreign Mission Board relief ministries funds, the volunteers delivered the supplies to mission hospitals in areas where Baptists have churches. Pastors worked with the volunteers in signing supplies over to the doctor in charge and helped him put them into storage for distribution through the hospital.

Agricultural tools were distributed through Baptist churches. At meetings bringing together several churches, pastors helped hand out tools, such as hoes or slashers for cutting grass, to each household head in the church, distributing extras to other families in the community.

Tools will help people raise more through subsistence farming, which enabled them to survive on corn, millet or matooke (a cooking banana) while other food was unavailable.

Hooten said no basic commodities, such as flour, salt and sugar, are available in Uganda. A box of 50 matches, he said, may cost about 80 cents; gasoline, when available, is more than \$3 a gallon; meat is usually \$10 a pound; and Coca Cola cost \$3 each. Protein supplements are necessary, he said, because most Africans don't eat meat.

Supplies distributed by Hooten and the MKs were cleared through Nairobi, duty-free, by Southern Baptist missionary to Uganda James L. Rice of Virginia. Rice coordinated the overall distribution program, while his wife, Linda, also a Virginian, cooked for the volunteers and helped in distribution.



Southern Baptist missionary James L. Rice of Virginia visits with members of Jinja (Uganda) Baptist Church, one of the 100 to 125 Baptist churches that survived former Ugandan President Idi Amin's repression of churches. (BP) photo by James M. Richardson

## Mrs. John Stone Honored For 26 Years Of Work

Mrs. John Stone, organizer and director of the Kindergarten at Broadmoor Baptist Church, was honored with a reception at Broadmoor Baptist Church on Sunday, August 26. She will retire this year, after registering children for her 27th year at Broadmoor.

During her 26 years at Broadmoor she has

worked with 5,000 children, trained and directed 100 different teachers and sent 18 of these teachers out to begin other kindergartens. Her work began here in Jackson at a time when there were no teachers trained for the work, no colleges or universities in the state offering degrees — and very limited course work in the field. Neither were there standards nor mandatory licens-

ing legislation. Through her work at Broadmoor, Mrs. Stone has helped with workshops for kindergarten teachers and hosted continuous kindergarten groups in observation and counsel.

Mrs. Stone's educational background includes a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and an MRE degree from Southern Seminary. She has taught school and served as secretary to the Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. She has held many offices, including president of the Mississippi Association Children Under Six, has served on the Ad Hoc Committee of the Child Welfare Department for better standards and legislation for child care centers and on the Governor's Committee on Children. She was a delegate to the White House Conference in 1970 and a member of the White House Committee on Children for two years.

Mrs. Stone and her husband, John, have three daughters.

## Homecoming For Lowrey Is Joint Celebration

By Phyllis Harper

The homecoming planned at Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church Sept. 2 will be a joint celebration in more ways than one.

The church begins its centennial year that day with the dedication of 45 new stained glass windows that are part of a renovation and beautification project refurbishing the historic old building inside and out.

And the services will be special not only to members and former members, but also to students and alumnae of Blue Mountain College.

The lives of the Baptist affiliated college and the church have long been closely interwoven. Gen. M. P. Lowrey founded the college not long after the Civil War and the church that was organized in 1879 and built on the edge of the campus was named in the general's memory.

Lowrey Memorial is one of 14 buildings nestled on and around the beautiful mountain campus that were recently named to the National Register of Historic Places. The present church building dates from 1906.

Mrs. Sadie Lee Wells, who taught at Blue Mountain for years and in semi-retirement continues to teach one Shakespeare course per semester, has served as chairman of the church beautification committee.

Though all the windows are memorials, Mrs. Wells says the church did the installation. Other memorials include new draperies around the choir and organ lofts, new brass posts and railings, and a new music stand given in honor of Miss Linda Berry who served as choir director for 35 years.

Centennial activities really start on Saturday night before the Sunday homecoming. "We have written to everyone who contributed telling them about our plans," said Mrs. Wells. "We'll have the church lighted so that people can gather just as it gets dark and view the windows first from the outside."

Professor Ed Ludlow will be playing the organ as visitors enter the church and walk upstairs and downstairs through the building to look at their particular windows, she said.

After Sunday School, dedicatory services will be led by Lowrey pastor, James K. Byrd at 10:50 a.m. At 11 a.m. U.S. Congressman John H. Buchanan from Birmingham, Ala. and great grandson of Gen. Lowrey will speak.

An old-fashioned dinner will be shared at noon on the porch and inside the Student Union Building that sits across the street from the church. This will be an improvement on the old-time spreading dinner on the grounds, said Mrs. Wells, with the informal atmosphere of the outdoors and none of the inconvenience.

### The Best Seller

But the Word of God grew and multiplied (Acts 13:24). God's word will multiply and grow. Every year the Bible is the best seller of all books. It is our privilege as Christians to help spread the word of God and give others the joy of His salvation. — Lena Scott Price

The Lowrey family will meet again in the afternoon for their own reunion. Sunday night services will be conducted by William Olsen Lowrey, a Presbyterian minister from Jackson, and a great great grandson of Gen. Lowrey.

In October, former pastor Norman Deaton from Clearwater, Fla. will hold a revival. Another meeting is planned November 25 and "we hope to have a history of the church completed and ready to sell," said Mrs. Wells.

The history of the church being written by Cary Hearn, head of the college history department, is almost complete.



Sharkey-Issaquena mission team to Hardin, Montana. Kneeling are Oscar Steen, John Pepper, Bobbie Gilliland, Bob Brown, Keith Stevens, pastor of Delta City Baptist Church, and Bo Bryant. Standing are Callie Steen, James French, Gail Haley, Cleo Wheeler, Betty Gilliland, Cleoma Brown, Elton Branch, Frank Cooley, Eddie Cole, and Reese Kyzar, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rolling Fork.

## Sharkey-Issaquena Group Visits Hardin

A group of 19 Baptists from Sharkey-Issaquena Baptist Association trekked to Hardin, Montana Aug. 4-10, to make repairs on the Hardin Baptist Church and lead in revivals in Hardin and nearby Fort Smith.

Repairs on the little Hardin Southern Baptist Church included painting the auditorium, basement, and outside concrete blocks, preparing the church for carpeting, changing glass and screens in a number of windows, blowing in insulation, and installing accordion doors in the basement.

Reese Kyzar, pastor of Mississippi's Rolling Fork First Baptist Church, led in revival services at Hardin and Keith Stevens, pastor of Delta City Baptist Church, led revival services at Fort Smith.

While the men made the repairs, the women on the trip led in Vacation Bible Schools.

Betty Gilliland commented that she will never forget the five children in her class. Two were from families in the church, but the other three were not allowed to go to church by their father. "God bless the mother," said Mrs. Gilliland, "because those children had been taught as much about Jesus as those who were in Sunday School every Sunday. I gave that mother some materials to help her."

Genny Wheeler who taught in the Bible school said that a girl in her class

## MC Seminary Extension Sets Term

CLINTON — Four courses including two on Monday nights and two on Tuesday nights, will be offered this fall through the Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center according to Eugene I. Farr, director.

Available on Monday nights will be Ephesians and Philippians, a study of Paul's letters to the Ephesian and Philippian Christians, taught by E. R. Pinson, retired professor of Bible and chairman of the division of religion at Mississippi College. Also available on Monday nights will be Introduction to the New Testament, a historical-exegetical survey of the expansion of Christianity from Pentecost to Patmos, taught by Farr.

The two classes on Tuesday nights will be Evangelism, a study of the biblical basis of evangelism, a church program of evangelism, and personal witnessing, taught by Joe Stovall, pastor of the Parkhill Baptist Church in Jackson.

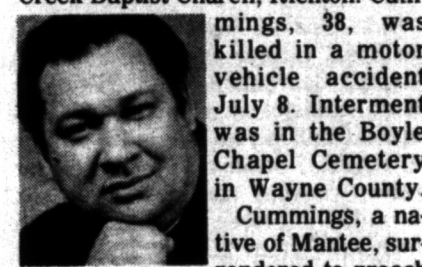
Classes will begin on Sept. 10 and run through Nov. 6, with the meeting time being from 7-9 p.m. each week.

Seminary extension courses are open to anyone over 16 years of age and one semester hour of college credit can be earned on successful completion. The cost for each course is \$15.50 plus the cost of the textbook.

Registration will be on the ground floor of the Provine Chapel on campus before the first two class meetings. Persons desiring additional information should write Eugene I. Farr, 203 W. Lakeview, Clinton, MS 39056 or call him at 924-6527.

## W. A. Cummings, 38, Killed July 8, 1979

Funeral services were held July 10 for W. A. Cummings, pastor of Buck Creek Baptist Church, Richton. Cummings, 38, was killed in a motor vehicle accident July 8. Interment was in the Boyle Chapel Cemetery in Wayne County.



Cummings, a native of Mantee, surrendered to preach at age 19. During his 19 years in the ministry, he served as pastor of several churches in Mississippi and in First Baptist Church, Pacheco, California.

A graduate of Clarke College and William Carey College, Cummings is survived by his wife, Ann C. Cummings; a daughter, Susie; two sons, Andy and Wade, all of Hattiesburg; parents, W. G. and Mary Cummings of Ocean Springs; three brothers, Dwight, Ocean Springs; Billy, Pacheco, Calif.; and Hugh of South Carolina; two sisters, Doris Stone of Austin, Texas and Dorothy Phepps of Ocean Springs.



# Names In The News . . .

Glenn Williams has returned to McComb to again assume the position of Director of Missions of Pike Baptist Association.

Since 1976 he has been assistant pastor and minister of education at Congress Ave. Baptist Church in Austin, Tex.

He succeeds Dan West in Pike who is manager of Central Hills Baptist Retreat at Kosciusko.

John N. Hollifield was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson. He is a recent graduate of Mississippi College and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollifield, missionaries to Rome, Italy. He will continue to serve as minister of youth and activities until next fall when he will enter Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Alan Celoria, music evangelist will give a sacred music concert Sept. 2, at Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton. Celoria has been minister of music at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

New Fellowship Baptist Church, Hickory, recently honored A. J. Weaver on his 86th birthday. One of New Fellowship's oldest members, Weaver was joined at the celebration by his granddaughter Mrs. Wayne Lindley (Virgie Ann Harris) and his great-granddaughter Cindy Lindley.

H. Leo Eddleman, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 1959 until 1970, will present the Convocation message for the seminary's annual Convocation at 10 a.m. August 30 in Leavell Chapel. Dr. Eddleman, a graduate of Mississippi College, is a native of Morgan-town.

Gerald L. Hodges recently received the master of divinity degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn. Hodges serves as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant.

Bill Duncan has assumed the pastorate of Parkview Baptist Church, Monroe, La. He went there from a pastorate at First Baptist Long Beach, Miss. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary with a doctor of ministry degree.

Nephtali Castillo was ordained to the ministry Aug. 19 at Ebenezer Baptist Church (Tate). W. W. Young brought the ordination messages and congregational singing was led by George Parker. Special music was presented by Brenda Parker and Carol Kelso. Nephtali and his wife Alice have three children, Alicia, Ginger, and Amy. They live in Senatobia.

Mrs. Eloise M. Moss Stewart of San Antonio, Tex., died Saturday, Aug. 18. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Wife of director of missions of San Antonio Baptist Association. San Antonio MS mother of the year in 1963. She was formerly dean of women at Mary Hardin Baylor University of Belton. She was America's youngest dean at age of 22. Survivors are husbands, George E. Stewart, son, George E. Stewart, III, Kansas City, Kans.; daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Henderson, Lockhart, Tex.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moss of Salado, Tex., and formerly of Jackson, Miss.; brother, John Moss of Austin, Tex.; sisters, Mrs. W. D. McGraw of Austin, Tex., Mrs. Robert Mitchell, and Mrs. James Spell, both of Jackson; numerous nieces and nephews.



## Jones BSU Buys Mission Car

The Baptist Student Union of Jones County Junior College has purchased a 1971 Impala Chevrolet to donate to the Baptist Student Union of the University of Cincinnati at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Jones BSU adopted the BSU at Cincinnati as a mission project for the year. The BSU at Cincinnati is only two years old and has a US-2 worker as Di-

rector. (US-2 worker is a college graduate who has volunteered to give two years to missions.)

The car was purchased with funds from the Jones BSU missions fund and gifts from friends. The Jones BSU raised over \$4,000 this year for missions. Marsha Stringer is Missions Chairman and John F. Sumner is the BSU Director at Jones.

## Mission Effort Broadens Vision Of Small Church

Fifteen persons from Tylertown Baptist Church recently travelled to Illinois to assist the Naperville Baptist Church with Vacation Bible School and conduct Backyard Bible Clubs.

The group, which left Tylertown July 11, arrived in Naperville on Saturday, July 14. They were met by members who had opened their homes to members of the mission team for the week.

Sunday services at the Naperville Church were conducted by members of the Tylertown Baptist Church. Work began in earnest Monday morning with the opening of Vacation Bible School. Total enrollment for the week was 200. Average attendance was 161, which was the best ever for a Vacation Bible School week at Naperville Baptist Church.

Ten backyard Bible clubs were conducted each afternoon by members of the mission team. These clubs were designed to reach children of all ages who do not come to church. The daily program included games, songs, Bible verses, a Bible story, and a contemporary children's story. These clubs were well attended, with average attendance of 100 for all ten clubs.

"This trip was a very positive experience for both churches," said Carolle Williams, religious education director of Tylertown Baptist Church. "We saw lives changed by Christ, both those who accepted Him as Savior and those who recommitted their lives to Him."

Miss Williams has a special interest in the Naperville Baptist Church. The pastor, David John Williams, is her father.

"Everyone who went has a greater mission awareness than ever before because they came face to face with children who had no knowledge of Jesus and His love," Miss Williams added. "They have seen for them-

selves the great need for spreading the gospel and their new found zeal is permeating the rest of the church."

Members of the group were enthusiastic about their mission effort. "I would recommend others become involved personally," said Mrs. Bonnie Kemp. "Seeing so many children so eager to learn about Jesus and His love for them made me realize we need more mission activity here in the U.S."

"The kids came with a joy and excitement that has left a tremendous imprint on each one of us," said Scott Fraser. "We knew when we got there we could not teach them all they needed to know. We just tried to plant seeds."

John Williams, pastor of the Naperville Church, sees the potential in joint missions ventures such as the one between his church and the Tylertown church. "With careful planning and sufficient funding, link-ups by stronger churches with smaller churches serves to broaden the vision of the smaller church," Williams said.

There are no ugly women; there are only women who do not know how to look pretty. — La Bruyere

## Revival Dates

**Bond Baptist Church, Bond:** September 9-14. James Street, guest speaker; J. D. Batson, music director; Magnolia Boys of Laurel will be special singers on Sunday; Durwood McGuffie, pastor.

**Fellowship Church, Enterprise:** August 26-31. Harold Lollar, evangelist; Jimmy Crain, music director. Gerry E. Copeland, pastor.

**Iuka Church:** Sept. 9-13; Dr. James Sullivan, former president Southern Baptist Convention, evangelist; Ray Kirk, minister of music, Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, music evangelist; Sunday services regular time; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; noonday services 12:25-12:55 with meals served at 11:55-12:25; Charles Dampier, pastor.

**Calvary Church (Newton):** Sept. 9-12; Gus Merritt, pastor Clarke Venable, evangelist; Mark Jones, Calvary, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday 7:30 p.m.; Henry Adams, pastor.

**Jacinto Baptist Church (Alcorn):** Sept. 2-7; 7 p.m.; P. J. Scott of Mount Olive, Miss., evangelist; T. E. Davis, pastor.

## FMB Elects Regional Personnel Representative

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — Southeast Asia missionary J. Murphy Terry was elected in August by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as regional personnel representative headquartered in New Orleans.



Terry

At the same meeting, the board was informed of the resignation of R. Allen Orr, regional personnel representative stationed in Kansas City, Mo. Orr resigned to pursue graduate study at Columbia University, New York, N. Y., in partial fulfillment of requirements for missionary service in the Philippines.

Terry will assume a position he filled as an interim representative while attending seminary before his 1970 appointment as a missionary to Laos. The position has been vacant since October 1977 when Robert C. Covington left it to become associate secretary for missionary personnel at the board's Richmond, Va., headquarters.

Terry will counsel with persons and groups interested in foreign mission service and channel qualified volunteers into screening procedures leading toward missionary appointment. He will work with candidates in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and the Gulf Coast of Texas.

He will begin work with about 220 couples and single persons already in contact with the board.

Most recently Terry, who has returned to the United States for family reasons, was a general evangelist in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He also served in that capacity in Bangkok, Thailand, and in Vientiane, Laos. Before his appointment he was a teacher and pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, Buras, La. He also was pastor of Mildred Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas; an accountant in Fairfield, Texas; and a store manager at New Orleans Seminary, where he received the master of theology degree.

## MK Birthdays

Sept. 9 Patricia Henderson (Philippines); Mississippi College, MS.

Sept. 20 Sandra Kay Lyle; Mississippi College, MS.

Sept. 21 Mary Stamps (Nicaragua); Mississippi College, MS.

Sept. 22 Cynthia Phlegar (Thailand); Mississippi College, MS.

Sept. 29 Debbie Lindsey (Israel); William Carey College, MS.

Pretoria, South Africa (EP) — The South African government has paid the family of Steven Biko \$76,700 in an out-of-court settlement of the family's \$106,200 compensation claim for the young Black Consciousness leader's death from brain injuries while in police custody on Sept. 12, 1977.

## 170th Anniversary

Friendship Baptist Church (Lincoln) will observe its 170th anniversary and its pastor's 10th anniversary on Sept. 1-2. Wiley Reid is pastor.

The public is invited to a reception honoring the former pastors and families and those who have gone from Friendship into full time Christian service. The reception will be Sept. 1, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. with dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service to follow.

Four former pastors will be in charge of the service: P. D. Bragg, Roy Humphrey, E. A. Young, and John Hill.

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## Ohio Man Heads Group For Deaf

LEESBURG, Fla. (BP) — William Roeden, a layman from Centerville, Ohio, has been elected president of the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf.

Roeden's election came at the organization's annual workshop and business session at the Lake Yale Baptist Assembly near Leesburg, Fla. The Workshop of Southern Baptist Interpreters and missionaries and pastors who work with non-hearing persons also met with the group.

"Registration at the conference was the largest in its 30-year history," said Rodney Webb, associate director of the division of language missions at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. "Some 525 persons officially registered, but attendance was estimated at about 800."

Besides Roeden, other officers elected were Charles Butler of Portland, Ore., first vice president; Dan Long of Tallahassee, Fla., second vice president; Leslie Hall of Kansas City, Mo., treasurer, and Phala Bernhardt of Orlando, Fla., secretary. All are laypersons and all, with the exception of Bernhardt, are deaf.

## Homecoming

Calvary Baptist Church, Durant, will celebrate homecoming day September 2. B. A. Conway, pastor, will bring Sunday morning message. Dinner will be served at noon. Special afternoon music will be by "The Gospel Echoes." Everyone is invited.

Carol Stream, Ill. (EP) — Fifty-five health and development professionals representing some 30 missionary organizations gathered this month on the Wheaton College campus for MAP International's Sixth (domestic) Biannual Health and Community Development workshop.

Coming from 21 Third World countries, participants represented organizations including the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM), OMS International, Inc., Compassion, Inc., and Africa Inland Mission. The workshop conducted by MAP International, a Christian relief and development agency based here, purposed to improve the participants' ability to plan and implement health and community development programs.

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WEST CORINTH CHURCH, CORINTH, had five State Bible Drill participants. They were BRAD CAMPBELL, state winner, second year, children's division; KEVIN COOLEY, State Winner superior, fourth year in competition; BONNIE FRANKS, State winner superior, fifth year in competition; ANN BARNES, State winner, children's division, second year; and ROZANNE PRATT, State winner, third year children's division. Kevin Cooley was chosen to compete in the Selection Drill in Jackson. Their leader, Mrs. Mattie Putt, has worked with Bible Drill students for more than 25 years. Wayne Campbell is pastor.



Dedication services were held Sunday, August 5, at POPPS' FERRY BAPTIST CHAPEL. Dinner on the grounds followed the services. Ron Gager is pastor of the new mission whose mother church is FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GULFPORT. Jim Keith is pastor of the Gulfport church.



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN, held groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday, June 24, for new multi-purpose building. In services prior to the groundbreaking, the church debt retirement goal of \$25,000 was exceeded by \$3,500. Deacons and members of the building committee participated. They are (front row, left to right) Pat Porter, deacon chairman; Paul Wilson, pastor; Mrs. Doris Foster; Lamar Walls. (Back row, left to right) Mrs. Anna Sutton, Glynn Cliburn, Mrs. Garland Brown, Garland Brown, Randy Porter, Earl Foster, John T. Case, Larry Welborn, Toxie Williams.



BRUCE FIELDS was ordained to the gospel ministry August 5 by the TYLERTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH, TYLERTOWN. Fields, who has just accepted a position as minister of church activities and youth at First Baptist Church, Canton, has served as minister to youth at Tylertown Baptist Church for the past three years.

Fields, a graduate of Mississippi College, will receive the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December.

Participating in the ordination service was Fields' father, M. H. Fields, and brothers Larry and George. All three are involved in church ministries. Bartis Harper is pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church.



These women comprise an unusual Sunday School class. The eight are from First Baptist Church, Starkville and all are over the age of 80 including the teacher, Mrs. Huber. It's the Bethany Class, though and not the Octogenarian Class. They are pictured visiting the Farrow Manor Campus of the Baptist Children's Village, accompanied by Doug Day of the church staff.



HARVEY ANGLIN (right), church training director of PRICEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, received the last of five leadership diplomas in church training: general officers, adult, youth, children's and preschool. He is the only church training director in Lee Association to have completed the studies required for these awards. Robert McDaniel, pastor (left), received the general officers diploma. The awards were presented by Sarah Golding (center), church training director for Lee Association.

Under Anglin's leadership, Priceville Church has been outstanding in the number of study course awards received, and will receive more study course awards this year than the number enrolled in church training — enrollment is 101, awards will be 125. Encouraging adult church training groups to use extra resources with the curriculum has been the key.



HANDBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, GULFPORT, recognized two Acteen Queens and one Queen Regent in a coronation ceremony May 27. ANGEL FAYARD and CINDY NEWMAN — QUEENS, and LINDA YOUNG — QUEEN REGENT are pictured above (back row). Other Acteens participating in the ceremony were Rayanne Austin, Sherry Reeder, and Nancy Taake. Several Girls in Action were also recognized during the ceremony. They were Jonna Caldwell, Darlene DeCosta, Kim Hill, Kim Lenkus, Shannon Melvin, Melanie Purvis, Vicki Smith, Susan Austin, Amy Blankenship, Karen Blankenship, Claire Brooks, Stephanie Eagle, Tina Eagle, Kelly Newman, Lynn Perez, Pam Perez, and Ashley Smith. Mrs. Sam Turner, former missionary to Kenya, presented the charges while Debbie Mauldin and Elisabeth Young narrated. Mrs. Melton Newman is WMM director. Mrs. Frank DeCosta, Mrs. Mike Purvis, Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Thomas Chauvin, Mrs. James Ham, and Ms. Wanda Hill lead the Girls in Action. Mrs. Norman Hobbs and Mrs. Robert Fayard are the Acteen leaders. James Ham is pastor.



JONES ASSOCIATION recently sponsored a mission project in Eldorado Hills, California. The group, totalling 31 persons in two trips, constructed the building to house Eldorado Hills Bible Chapel. Harold Walker, chairman of the missions committee in Jones Association, directed the project.



The CHINESE MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE held revival services August 13-15. Caleb Tang (right), pastor of the Chinese Mission of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, was the evangelist. Tang, who is working on his doctorate at Southwestern Seminary, preached the sermons in both English and Cantonese. Attendance averaged 55 each night. A noon luncheon for Chinese businessmen was a highlight of the revival.

TED SHEPHERD is pastor of the mission which has been sponsored by First Baptist Church since 1934.

## Colleges Become Experts Finding Cash For Students

With spiraling inflation showing no signs of diminishing in the near future, middle-income parents of college-bound students are often confused about what financial help is available to them. Struggling through the maze of federal regulations regarding financial aid also discourages both parent and student.

But accustomed to tight finances and the inconvenience of a strict budget, some private colleges have become expert at managing money and making it available to greater numbers of students.

Mississippi College is one such institution, where almost 75% of its students receive some form of financial assistance. Mrs. Joan Dambrino, Administrative Assistant for Financial Aid at MC, says that money comes from a variety of sources.

"There are a number of federally-funded programs for which students may be eligible. In fact 70% of the financial aid at Mississippi College comes from those monies. These include BEOG (Basic Educational Opportunity Grant), SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant), CWSP (College Work Study Program), NDSL (National Direct Student Loan), FISL (Federally-Insured Student Loan), FNSS (Federal Nursing Student Scholarship, and FNSL (Federal Nursing Student Loan)."

Because of Mrs. Dambrino's willingness to work with individual students to tailor-make an aid plan, Mississippi College has never denied a request for aid from an applicant who filed before the priority date. But students must be aware of that April 1 deadline to have a good chance of receiving aid.

According to Mrs. Dambrino, the process of requesting financial aid should begin early in the student's senior year in high school. "If I were going to outline a time schedule, I'd say the process should begin in September. The student should take the ACT (American College Test) as soon as possible and have the score forwarded to the college of his choice because colleges begin awarding scholarships in January. Whether it's Mississippi College or another institution, the choice of a college must be one of the first steps."

The Triennial Caribbean Baptist Fellowship General Assembly convenes in Nassau August 23-26. Delegates are expected from each of the 14 member bodies. Officers of the CBF are: Rev. Azariah McKenzie of Jamaica, President; Rev. Allan Parks of Trinidad, Secretary; and Dr. Charles C. Smith, Bahamas, Treasurer.

In January, at the completion of the previous tax year, the student should request a Financial Aid Form from Mississippi College or high school counselor, fill it out with help of parents, and send it to College Scholarship Service, Princeton, N. J. This form, which takes 4-6 weeks to process,



Mrs. Joan Dambrino, the administrative assistant for financial aid at Mississippi College, talks with a student by phone about the progress of his financial aid application.

cess, determines the student's eligibility for financial assistance.

How important is filling out the forms on time? "Crucial," states Mrs. Dambrino emphatically. "April 1 of each year is the priority deadline at Mississippi College by which all forms must be complete. We hear from the government in May and June about the amount of funding available, then we award our money during mid-summer."

If a student is not eligible for federal assistance, Mississippi College has its own financial aid package to offer. The program consists of scholarship awards, loans, and campus jobs. Academic scholarships require an ACT score of 28 or above, but many students come to MC on music, band, art, speech or athletic scholarships. For the 1979-80 school year so far, 186 students have accepted scholarships.

Loans are also available to everyone regardless of income at low interest rates, and student workers are needed on all areas of the campus. During the past school year, 272 students held "institutional," as opposed to work-study, jobs.

Many students find part-time work on campus to be the best way to earn money and at the same time, gain job experience. One recent MC graduate, who worked in the Financial Aid Office for four years while majoring in business, quickly landed a position with a state university in Alabama to work with financial aid.

## Staff Changes

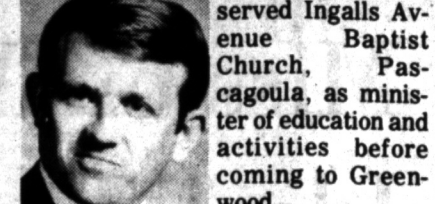
First Baptist Church, Greenwood, has called Ken Enloe as director of activities. A 1977 graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., with a B.S. in church recreation, Enloe has done graduate work at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. While in Louisville, Enloe served as center supervisor/building manager with Metro Parks and Recreation.

A native of Jefferson City, Mo., Enloe is married to the former Karen Connors of Baytown, Mo. They are expecting their first child soon.

Carey Chapel Baptist Church, Marshall Association, has called Ken Bradley as pastor. He assumed his duties there June 25.

Bradley, a graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, came to Carey Chapel from First Baptist Church of Hickory Withe, Tenn. He and his wife the former Patty Roberts of Independence, have three children.

Richard Collum has accepted the position of minister of education and outreach with First Baptist Church, Greenwood. He served Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church, Pascagoula, as minister of education and activities before coming to Greenwood.



Collum received his B. S. degree from Mississippi State University and his Master of religious education degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, the former Sherry Tackett of Jackson, have a five year old son, Jason.

Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Jackson has a new kindergarten director and a new kindergarten teacher. Judy (Mrs. Tom) Magill is the director. And Becky Hardin has resigned to teach in a Jackson school. She is replaced by Pat (Mrs. Richard) Alford.



Roderick E. Conerly, a native of Osyka, assumed his duties as pastor of Trace Ridge Baptist Church, Ridge-land, recently. A graduate of Mississippi College, Conerly received the master of divinity degree and the doctor of ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Before coming to Ridgeland, he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Olla, La.

Conerly and his wife, the former Caroline Powell, have two children, Gary and Julie Ann.



Wayne Higgins has accepted the pastorate of Lakeland Baptist Church in Itawamba County. Higgins, who has served as pastor of Turner's Chapel Baptist Church in Tippah County for three years, assumed his duties at Lakeland Church June 1.

Higgins and his wife, Evelyn, have two children, Keith and Beverly.

## Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Barrentine, missionaries to Paraguay, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: P.O. Box 66, Crystal Springs, Miss. 39059). They are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Magee and lived in Pascagoula and Crystal Springs. She is the former Joan Turnage of Crystal Springs. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975, he was pastor of Myrtle Springs Baptist Church, Hooks, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, missionaries, have transferred from Spain to the Canary Islands (address: c/o Dr. Severo Ochoa, 1, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands). He is a native of Weir, Miss.; she is the former Nella Dean Mitchell of Louisville, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Posey Jr., missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3805 Camellia Dr., Mobile, Ala. 36609). A native of Alabama, he was born in Boyles and also lived in Pinson while growing up. The former Mamie Lou Eubanks, she was born in Lucedale, Miss., and also lived in Houston, Texas, and Mobile, Ala., while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Colston, missionaries to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1311 Johnston Dr., Anniston, Ala. 36201). Born in Kosciusko, Miss., he moved with his family to Fayette, Ala., as a teenager. She is the former Gerry Rutland of Amite, La. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967, he was pastor of Leighton (Ala.) Baptist Church.

Sue Ann Holland, missionary journeyman to Yemen, has arrived on the field (address: Box 8080, Ibb, Yemen). She was born in Dayton, Ohio, and lived in Michigan, Alabama and Tennessee. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1979, she was a nurse at Garden Park Hospital, Gulfport, Miss.

Ted H. Holt, missionary journeyman to Mexico, has arrived on the field (address: c/o Dr. Levi Price, Apartado 288, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico). He was born in Memphis, Tenn., and also lived in Gilmore, Ark., and Tupelo, Miss. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1979, he was graduated from Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss.

Karen Schmulbach, missionary journeyman to Hong Kong/Macao, has arrived on the field (address: 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). She was born in Clarksdale, Miss., and also lived in Memphis, Tenn. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1979, she was graduated from Memphis State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle Jr., missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 226, 69000 Manaus AM, Brazil). Born in Clinton, Miss., he grew up in Anson, Texas. She is the former Janelle Hartwick of Anson. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1949.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Falwell Jr., missionary associates to Hong Kong, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 820 Templeton Dr., Nashville, Tenn. 37205). He is a native of Murray, Ky., and she is the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Miss. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton P. Gray, missionary associates to Okinawa, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 5746 Cherokee Dr., Walls, Miss. 39680). He is a native of Loretto, Tenn.; she is the former Dottie Eavenson of Marks, Miss. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries to the Philippines since 1947, resigned July 31. Both are natives of Mississippi. He is from Jackson. The former Zelma Van Ossel, she was born in Montrose and grew up in Pascagoula. They may be addressed at 104 Maple Drive, Natchez, Miss. 39120.

Dr. and Mrs. John I. Jacobs, recently reemployed missionary associates to Trinidad, have arrived on the field (address: Box 162, San Fernando, Trinidad, West Indies). He is a native of Canton, Ohio, and she is the former Jean Holley of Booneville, Miss. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, resigned in 1976 and reemployed in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionaries since 1964, resigned from missionary service July 31. They served in Vietnam and most recently in Hong Kong where he was involved in mass communications. He is a native of Meridian, Miss.; she is the former Celia Torres of Brooklyn, N. Y. They may be addressed at 809 N. Center, Arlington, Texas 76011.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Sugg, Jr., missionaries to Taiwan, may be addressed at University Road, Lane 12, No. 1, Tainan 700, Taiwan, Republic of China. Both are from Mississippi. He is from Eupora, and the former Nan Gregory, she was born in Clarksdale and grew up in Jackson. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977, he was pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, missionaries to Bangladesh, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1628 East St., Yazoo City, Miss. 39194). He is a native of Thomaston, Miss.; she is the former Guinevere Jenkins of Kosciusko, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.



## Direct Sales, Two News VPs Okayed By Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A direct sales department for some products and two new vice presidential positions were approved in the semiannual meeting of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Trustees elected Morton F. Rose, director of the office of planning at the Sunday School Board since 1975, to fill the new post of vice president for church programs and services. His jurisdiction will include four divisions: Bible teaching, Christian development, church and staff support and conference centers.

A position of vice president for publishing and distribution was approved but no personnel recommendation for the post was made at the two-day meeting. Both new vice presidential slots will answer to James W. Clark, executive vice president of the Sunday School Board.

Also approved were a 1980 budget of \$96 million, rate increases at the conference centers, increases averaging seven percent in church literature and the introduction of several new products.

B. Elaine Dickson, coordinator of the board's church services and materials unit since 1977, was elected manager of the new direct sales department, which will be an arm of the book store division when implemented Oct. 1.

The sales department will use direct mail, telephone sales, display advertising and other methods to inform persons who do not have access to Baptist Book Stores of the availability of Broadman and Holman products.

The new department, according to book store division director Bill Graham, will deal directly with persons and not with Southern Baptist churches. It will major on products produced by the Sunday School Board, but will not sell church music, church supplies or church audiovisuals.

The trustees also approved Sunday School Board involvement in the planning of a center for the study of urban ministry, which would be a joint venture with the SBC Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist seminaries and other interested agencies.

If approved by the trustees of the other agencies, the center would be established to train members of Baptist

churches in dealing with urban ministry opportunities in their areas.

"Basically, this concept has been formulated to help our churches do a better job in the areas that need it so much — the inner cities," said Grady Cothen, president of the board.

Under the new schedule of conference center rates, the services fee will be increased by one dollar for children in the sixth grade and younger and by \$2 for others.

Food service will cost about \$3 per week more as will private bath/hotel rates at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. Under the new structure, apartment rates at both centers will be increased by about \$20 per week.

The pricing formula for church literature, based on a number of factors such as usage and basic price, was changed to offset the skyrocketing costs of paper and printing. It becomes effective in April 1980. The \$96 million operating budget is an increase of \$14 million over this year.

New products approved include: A new quarterly publication providing choral music and literary material particularly for the small church, "Glory Songs." Priced at 70 cents per copy, the projected circulation for the

quarterly, to be available Oct. 1, 1980, is 40,000 units per quarter. A 7-inch stereo disc containing music from "Glory Songs" will sell for \$1.85 each quarter.

A second line of children's Sunday School materials including weekly leaflets for younger and older children and a quarterly teacher's guide. The curriculum, "Children's Bible Study," is designed for use with multiple age groupings and will be available beginning October 1981.

A quarterly periodical containing leadership helps for carrying on church training programs for youth, "Equipping Youth," to be available October 1981.

Items deleted included: The quarterly church training periodicals, "Come Alive for Leaders" and "Care for Leaders," effective October 1981. This material is being streamlined and will be available in "Equipping Youth" and in the leadership packets for "Youth Alive" and "Youth Discipline."

The quarterly periodical "Children's Worship Resource Kit," effective October 1980, in order to market an undated kit through the Baptist Book Stores.

## Mission Volunteers Find Ideal Time To Go Is Now

By Glenda McCauley Miller  
Field Representative  
North Brazil

"Simpatico" is the Portuguese word that best describes Philip and Debbie Pierce who just completed six months as Mission Volunteers in Campina Grande, Brazil. This word means, friendly, outgoing, warm, well liked. It's the highest form of praise that a Brazilian can use to describe a friend.

Following graduation from Mississippi College the couple decided to inquire about the Volunteer Program of the Foreign Mission Board. Debbie, daughter of missionaries Edd and Freda Trott, was brought up in Brazil. Phil caught her enthusiasm for missions and for Brazil.

Debbie, with a language and business major from Mississippi College was working for Standard Life Insurance. Phil, a history major had worked as a page in the Mississippi Senate.

Following graduation Phil was the State Distribution Manager of Maurice Dantin when he ran for the U.S. Senate. Married only two years the young couple decided it was an ideal time to volunteer for missions.

Pierce admitted, "I really didn't have any idea what mission work was." In the small church where he grew up he remembers only one missionary speaker.

An invitation came to do camp work in Campina Grande, Brazil where Debbie's parents work. Phil was invited to teach Debbie's 11 year old brother Paul his English correspondence course. Debbie was also asked to help with the local church's music program.

The Pierces helped small churches and congregations in the interior by taking groups of young people to hold open air services and teach Sunday School.

## "A Good Provocation"

By James D. McLeMure, Pastor  
Thirty-eighth Ave., Hattiesburg

When the subject of provoking someone comes up we immediately think of saying or doing something which prompts another person to react with anger or even violence. Verbal taunts, physical abuse and mean looks are all included in our thoughts when provocation is mentioned.

Unkind words and actions which provoke brothers and sisters to anger are sometimes a part of the church scene today. When this does happen it breaks God's heart for His Church and destroys the church's witness.

Another opposite kind of provocation is encouraged in God's word. The message to God's people is "... and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works;" (Hebrews 10:24 ASV).

This verse is the third in a series of strong requests which the writer makes of Christians in view of the fact that Jesus is our great high priest. Prior to this request we are enjoined to keep on drawing near to God in prayer and to be solidly steadfast in our faith.

The injunction to provoke one another to love and good works is based on the fact that the well-being of each believer is related directly to the well-being of the whole body of Christ. The other side of that same coin would state that the well-being of the body is directly related to the well-being of each believer.

The spiritual health of one believer has an impact on the health of the whole church. When we provoke others to love and good works we improve the health of our whole church body. However, if we provoke a brother or sister to anger we not only bring spiritual ill-health to that person, we also bring the same thing on the whole body — the church — and thus on ourselves also.

God's Word urges us to arouse or stimulate our brothers and sisters to love and good works. Our words of encouragement, appreciation, kindness and affirmation are to promote love and a sense of worthwhileness.

Our own good deeds are to be noble examples after which our friends may model their own lives. Younger members of the family of God need great models in the lives of older members in order to learn the conduct of love and good works. Let's be good provokers of others to love and good works.

## Southern Seminary Gets Brown Grant

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has received a \$100,000 grant from the J. Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville which will be used to begin development of multi-media, visual communications and television laboratories.

The funds will also help Southern Seminary participate in a new television systems which will link the six higher education institutions in the Louisville and southern Indiana area which comprise the Kentuckiana Metropolis.

The cable-based inter-campus system could be used to air live lectures on any of the six campuses, faculty development workshops, and eventually, courses taught by teams from the six institutions.

The grant was made in response to a joint proposal by Southern Baptist and Louisville Presbyterian seminaries. The Brown Foundation has provided substantial support for Kentucky's four-year colleges, but this marks the first time that grants have been made to Louisville's two graduate — professional theological schools.

## N.C. Couple Sets Hunger Trust Fund

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP) — An elderly North Carolina couple who asked to remain anonymous has set up a \$40,000 trust with proceeds to be used for world hunger alleviation through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The couple has set up two previous trust funds for Southern Baptist causes since 1974.

Working through the Baptist Foundation of North Carolina, they established a \$40,000 fund for use in the Cooperative Program in 1974 and a \$20,000 fund for foreign missions in 1976.

Papers for the world hunger trust fund were signed on World Hunger Day, Aug. 1, 1979, but the date was coincidental, according to the Baptist Foundation of North Carolina.

## African Nation Given Food

EDENVALE, South Africa (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has provided \$10,000 to send food to a mountainous region of Lesotho where supply lines were cut by the area's worst snowstorm in years.

Beginning Aug. 27, Mission Aviation Fellowship will begin making six flights a day carrying the food. Each flight will transport seven bags of corn meal, from Ladysmith, South Africa, to the airstrip near Mokhotlong, Lesotho. Plans call for Southern Baptists to provide 400 bags of corn meal, the diet staple in the area, to this small independent nation within South Africa's borders.

Southern Baptists are providing the food through hunger relief funds at the request of the Baptist Union of South Africa, sponsors of mission work in the area. The Baptist Union will provide \$2,400 for food and literature in the local language for distribution with the food.

Two meters (about six feet) of snow cover the only two roads into the area. Three bridges on the main road are out and a 15-ton boulder blocks a pass on the smaller trail.

In Lesotho, Baptist pastors in churches associated with the South African Baptist Missionary Society will help coordinate ground distribution. A Baptist layman there has donated the use of his land-rover for distribution.

## Uniform Lesson

### God's Creative Power

By Ed North, First, Quitman

Psalm 104:1-9; Proverbs 3:19-20  
The scientific community has, by and large, embraced the "Big Bang" theory of beginnings. According to this concept a flash of lightning passed through gaseous vapors which enveloped the earth. In the resultant explosion some chemicals fell into the ocean, the end product of which produced amino acids. As everyone knows, amino acids are the basic building blocks of life. These formed, so the theory goes, into a one-cell creature, the amoeba. Through the process of evolution that tiny dot of protoplasm has issued into the sophisticated, complicated being known as man.

But, think of the unanswered questions! How did the earth get here? Whence came the ocean? What produced the gas and the lightning? Professor Edwin Conklin of Princeton has suggested: "The probability of life beginning from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing factory."

Scientists have run counter to their usual stringent standards, and have baptized evolution as a fact, when, by all recognized laws of science, it remains only a theory. Evolution has no logical starting point, no logical chain of progression, and no claim to certain interpretation. It is, in fact, scientifically undemonstrable! Yet it has been foisted off upon a gullible public as fact.

Evolution is a cold, mechanistic, impersonal explanation of life. It's widespread adoption is largely responsible for the loss of personhood in the twentieth century.

Contrast this with the biblical declaration of a personal, caring act of creation: "In the beginning God created..." (Gen. 1:1). The poetic powers of the psalmist and the writer of Proverbs are poured out in these verses of singular praise to the great God of creation. But, do not get lost in the poetry, and so miss the deep truths set forth.

I. Creation is an Expression of Divine Wisdom (Proverbs 3:19)

Creation by fiat (God brought the world into being by divine decree) does not preclude a process of planning and thought. A beginning structured and implemented by an intelligent being seems more plausible than a chance occurrence.

The wisdom and understanding operating in creation from the perspective of Proverbs strongly suggests the creative Word of John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made which was made." The Word, or Logos, of John's Gospel is the Christ, and the term captures especially the concept of divine wisdom.

This universe exists in intricate order and delicate balance not because it fell together by accident, but because it is the handiwork of the all-wise God. The universe makes sense. The laws of physics work the same the world over. The functions of mathematics are consistent. The ebb and flow of the tide can be predicted. The movement of the planets can be charted. In short, science is possible because the created order is an expression of divine wisdom.

II. Creation is the Work of a Majestic God (Psalm 104:1-4)

The psalmist calls upon his soul to praise a great God who is "clothed with honor and majesty" (v. 1). He then proceeds to pyramid poetic expressions of the majesty of God's creative powers.

The "light" of verse two harks back to Genesis 1:3 where God spoke: "Let there be light." That God is clothed in unearthly light suggests His mystery, the hidden part of His nature. "Curtain" is preferred over "tent" because it supports the idea of mystery, and thus heightens the sense of a majestic being.

The "waters" supporting God's dwelling place (v. 3) reflect the Hebrew notion that a watery firmament was fixed above the visible heavens. Here God dwells on high in majestic splendor. The "clouds" and the "winds" are his servants (v. 3). His "angels spirits" (the Hebrew here allows "wind" which is probably a better translation), and "flaming fire" (lightning) obey his commands (v. 4).

The God of creation is a God of unsearchable majesty. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

III. Creation is Controlled by Divine Providence (Ps. 104:5-9; Prov. 3:20-25)  
The stability of the earth (Ps. 104:5), and the established boundaries of the

waters (Ps. 104:6-9) indicate that this world is under the sovereign control of God. Proverbs 3:20 emphasizes the intimate involvement of the Creator in His creation, as He controls the giving of rain. "This is my Father's world." In Colossians 1:17 Paul states, "In Him all things hold together." He is the glue of the universe. Natural law is His law.

The basic description of the created order was given by God Himself when He called it "good." Because God continues to exercise His will in the universe it is still basically good. However, the scriptures make it clear that man's sin has had a negative impact upon the creation (Gen. 3:17-18; Romans 8:21-22). Natural disasters of various kinds do not always reflect God's direct will, but do always remind us of the presence of evil in our world. Although God does not directly cause these events they do not detract from His sovereignty. In His permissive will God allows the presence and effects of evil. Never doubt, however, that His ultimate will for His total creation is good.

In conclusion, the role of nature in man's knowledge of God needs to be made clear. What can nature tell us about God? It can tell us enough about Him to know that He is, that He is great, that He is awe-inspiring, that He is good. But it cannot tell us how to be rightly related to Him. It cannot proclaim the way of salvation. Nature can convince us that there is a God, and inspire us to want to know Him personally, but it cannot tell us how.

No man has ever been saved by admiring the stars, or the mountains, or the splendor of a sunset. No man has ever come to eternal life by sitting on a quiet lake on Sunday morning. Salvation is dependent on God's full and special revelation in Jesus Christ. We see the essence of God in His creation, but only through faith in Christ do we become new creations (II Cor. 5:17).

London (EP) — The Missionary Aviation Fellowship says it is phasing out operations in the land-locked central African Republic of Chad because of fighting in the South and lack of missionary work in the North. The group also pulled out of Ethiopia recently.

## Life and Work Lesson

### Seeing It Through

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Acts 20:1-21:26

The certainty with which Paul moves from place to place gives us the image of a man who has such clear-cut directions from God that there is no room for indecision; only obedience or disobedience. How we wish today for that kind of distinct understanding of what God wants to do with us. By comparison, we seem to stagger blindly through the "fog" of possibilities, sometimes stopping to do the "good", diverted from doing the "best." We have sharpened the skills of common sense and self-preservation instead of those of seeking and obeying. We, like Paul's friends, counsel others to look out for themselves instead of encouraging them to seek God's will.

Paul kept his spiritual lines of communication open, and this time God's Spirit directed him out of Ephesus before violence erupted (19:23ff). His loyalty to his friends bade him return to help in their defense, but this diversion from his task was averted (19:30).

I. Comments About The Ephesian Ministry

Acts 19:18b-21

As he followed God's directions toward Jerusalem, Paul stopped, not in Ephesus where further violence might have hindered the work of the church, but in neighboring Miletus. Summoning the leaders from Ephesus, he preached to them a sermon still relevant — perhaps more so today than then. Rather than reviewing events or dropping names, Paul recounted the spirit and degree of his work with them.

To clarify the spirit of his motive, he used the word indicating a "slave" (v. 19). His motive was not for personal comfort, gain or recognition. Instead, he considered himself carrying out the direct command of God as a slave would the command of his master. There were some benefits (i.e., new friends and joy over seeing others saved, but these were incidental to the work. Often, we serve for the side benefits seeking the inward-turned spiritual blessing instead of serving obediently without regard for personal benefit. Paul wasn't immune to those feelings. Indeed, he counts the tears and temptations (20:19), but these are the kinds of diversions that get us "off course."

The measure of the degree of his ministry could be described with one word: EVERYTHING. "I kept back nothing..." Paul had accepted the job which God gave him. He knew that each hour had only 60 minutes, each day only 24 hours. I don't know exactly when Paul expected the Lord to return, probably very soon, but this passage indicates that he wasn't racing the clock against the length of his own life. Use whatever time God gives you, holding back nothing. While shifting into "overdrive" may give better mileage on a car, shifting into a "spiritual overdrive" to save energy sacrifices effectiveness.

The message must be proclaimed publicly — in the church house and wherever people gather — and privately from house to house. What is the message? "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21).

II. Commitment To Go To Jerusalem

Acts 20:22-24

With self-discipline ("bound in the spirit" v. 22) and certainty that it was God's will, ("the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city" v. 23) Paul determined to go to Jerusalem. Even though God warned him of impending physical abuse in Jerusalem, Paul set his course and wavered not. He was convinced that it was God's will.

The greatest satisfaction is not found in pleasure, but in obedience. Paul traveled to Jerusalem, not because God forced him to, but because God wanted him to. Paul didn't shrink from the warning of affliction, but interpreted it as preparation for what lay ahead of him. Joy came by obediently following God's will and boldly telling the Good News.

III. Committed To Go To Jerusalem

Acts 21:10-14

The early verses of Chapter 20 describe the enlarged group traveling with Paul. In 20:5, Luke changes into the first person narrative indicating that he had rejoined the group. In 21:1, he describes the departure from Miletus and the journey on to Caesarea where they lodged with "Deacon" Philip and his four daughters.

While there, the prophet Agabus visited (we remember him as the one who accurately forecasted the famine — Acts 11:28 — which led to the mission offering taken in Antioch). With dramatic symbolism, he used the gir-

dle (sash) from Paul's garment to tie up his own hands and feet and declare, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, so shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns my girdle, and deliver him in the hands of the Gentiles." (Acts 21:11) The message was clear but the interpretations varied. Again Paul understood it as preparation for what was to come, but his friends counseled him that it was a warning to stay away.

When we have conflicting interpretations of God's will for our lives, we ought always to politely and patiently listen to God and friends and then obey what God lays on our heart.

Paul was ready to die, if necessary, in obedience. He understood his next task as one of mediator between Jewish and Gentile Christians. He was going to express and demonstrate his concern for, and not opposition to, the Jews. From his friends he requested understanding that he believed it was God's will from which he would not allow himself to be diverted.

How do we get such clear-cut understanding of God's will? Consider, if you will, the almost overlooked solitary journey recorded in Acts 10:13-14. Even when we are with the right kind of friends, time alone with God is imperative. Though not many of us travel by foot anymore, there is many a mile of wasted prayer time when traveling alone. Don't let our day's activities crowd out a time apart asking and listening for guidance. When we hear, when we understand, when God directs, then, in faith, we must trust the Holy Spirit to help us avoid the detours and diversions that might sidetrack our faithful obedience.

"It has been a full year since the federal law was changed to prevent mandatory retirement for workers before the age of 70. That is enough time for a preliminary reading on how much impact the law has had on the U. S. work force. The answer is not much; in the next five years, as few as 200,000 workers who would have been forced to retire at age 65 may be staying on the job until age 70. The principal reason for such a small impact is that 'early' retirement, before age 65, has long been the U. S. pattern and the new law hasn't changed that." — (The American Federationist, May, 1979)